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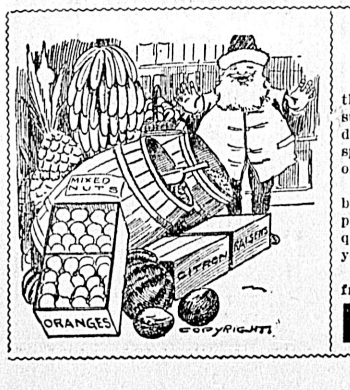

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DOMINION DESPATCHES

Twelve Hundred Excursionists Carried Free Into Winnipeg for Christmas Shopping.

Breach of Promise Verdict Proves Costly to the Lady—Ontario Judge Resigning.

Special to the Colonist.

ELECTION PROTESTS DISMISSED

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The West York election protest was dismissed this morning by Judges Falconbridge and Street. The petitions in the North Grey and Ottawa cases were also dismissed.

NEW JUDGE.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—It is announced, not officially but pretty definitely, that Justice Robertson is about to retire from the bench, and that the vacancy will be filled at once by the appointment of William Lount, Q. C., of Toronto. Justice Robertson has held his present position for about 15 years. He lives in Hamilton, for which city he was a representative in the Dominion parliament.

A VACANT OFFICE.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—There are numerous applications for the position of registrar of the court of appeals, made vacant by the death of Charles Grant. Among the applicants are Thomas Langton, son-in-law of Sir Oliver Mowat, J. A. McAndrew, T. T. Rolph, John Bruce, William Roof, S. G. Wood and others. The place is worth $2,000 a year.

GASPESIA FLOATS OFF.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—The steamer Gaspesia, which ran on a rock off Rich Point, St. Peter's Island, P. E. I., yesterday morning, came off without assistance and arrived last evening at Charlottetown, where she is now loading for Liverpool.

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—Chief Justice Meredith has dismissed with costs the action of Miss Alma Vanbuskirk, of Alymer, against Henry McFarlane and his mother, of Tilsonburg. Miss Vanbuskirk got a $50 verdict against McFarlane for breach of promise, but could not realize on it, McFarlane having deeded his property to his mother, who formerly owned it.

KEPT DEAD MAN'S MONEY.

Belleville, Dec. 23.—Hugh Brown, the man who found the money lost from the body of William Lunness, of Toronto, at the Murray Hill wreck, was found guilty of fraudulently misappropriating money, and was sentenced by Judge Lazier to four months in gaol.

MR. COYLE'S ASSISTANT.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—R. A. Corbett left to-day for Vancouver to assume the position of assistant to Mr. E. J. Coyle, C. P. R. district passenger agent. Mr. Corbett has spent a couple of weeks in the city recuperating after a long illness.

SHOPPING EXCURSION.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Over 1,200 excursionists from Central Manitoba came into Winnipeg to-day to do their Christmas shopping. They were carried free on special trains, as guests of the Northern Pacific railway, in celebration of the opening of the new Belmont-Hartney branch of that road.

TEN THOUSAND REWARD.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23—J. C. McRae, chief of Winnipeg police, is offering a reward of $10,000 for the arrest of the guilty party or parties and recovery of the money stolen from the Winnipeg branch of Molson's Bank.

A MAN KIDNAPPED.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Three masked men kidnapped William Morne from his house at Mile End by representing themselves as detectives. Since yesterday he has not been heard of. There is no clue.

TELEGRAPHERS TO ARBITRATE.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—All danger of a strike of telegraphers on the Grand Trunk has been averted. Arbitration will be adopted to settle the differences between the management and the telegraphers. It is understood that each side will appoint one arbitrator and these will meet at Toronto on January 6 to choose a third and proceed to business.

SCHOONER GIVEN UP.

Eight More Lives Added to Roll of Victims of November Storms.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—The underwriters have given up as lost the three-masted schooner Howard H. Hanscombe, formerly hailing from this port. It is believed that the vessel foundered in the November blizzard, and that the eight members of her crew were lost. She was bound from Philadelphia to Providence.

GAS INTERESTS CONSOLIDATED

Pittsburg Combination Representing Capital of Twenty-Six Million.

New York, Dec. 23.—It is announced to-day that consolidation of the local gas, light and heating companies of Pittsburg, Pa., has been successfully accomplished. The combination was managed by Brown Bros., bankers, of this city. The capital invested is $26,000,000.

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ITALY AND THE CHURCH.

The Pope Says Outlook For New Year Is Not Encouraging.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Pope to-day, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and other prelates, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the "Sinister events of 1898," and said it was high time the governments of Europe united to stop the "unheard of outrages and exterminations." But, the Pontiff added, this could not be expected until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, shall be revived in the conscience of the people and become the guiding principle of the organization of states.

In regard to the present position of the church in Italy, the Pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church in violation of his dignity and rights "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defence of his interests and the interests of religion and morality."

Continuing, the Pontiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. Nevertheless, imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty the clergy will not yield, either to flatteries or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen, deeply imbued with love for the papacy. It is thus, by the cooperation of the clergy and laity, that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Knighthood Offered to Postmaster General Upon Inauguration of Imperial Penny Postage.

Washington Business Must Wind Up Within a Month—Session Early in March.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The postmaster-general's proclamation in regard to imperial penny postage, which goes into effect Sunday, will be out to-morrow. It is on the same lines as one issued some months ago, commencing, "I, William Mulock," but which had to be withdrawn, owing to pressure from the home government. It is reported that tomorrow the Governor-General will convey to Mr. Mulock the signification of Her Majesty's desire that he should accept a K. C. M. G., although it is just possible that the conferring of the honor may be deferred until New Year's Day.

The colonial secretary has conveyed to the department the revised official list of countries to which the new rate will apply. It is as follows: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, British India, Newfoundland, Natal, Jamaica, Bermuda, Barbadoes, Bahama Islands, British Guiana, British Honduras, British West Africa, Niger Coast Protectorate, Niger Company's Territories, Uganda, Aden, Ascension, Sarawak, Malay States, Johora, British Central Africa.

A meeting of the cabinet was held today, at which Washington conference matters were again under consideration. The ministers confirm the report telegraphed that Lord Herschell must leave for England on January 25, hence the commission must conclude its work by January 21. The Canadian representatives will then at once leave for Ottawa and commence preparation for the work of the session, which under the circumstances cannot open before March 9. It is expected that parliament will be called together for that date. The ministerial programme will be very light.

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

Burglars Secure Tobacco and Groceries—Insurance of Victim of Nanaimo Accident.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Burglars are still operating in Vancouver. Last night a panel was cut out of the door of the Ideal grocery, in full glare of the electric light, and a large amount of goods taken, chiefly tobacco.

Welsh of Vancouver and Hill of Victoria are to box 15 rounds in the Drill hall to-morrow night.

An insurance claim of $3,249 was paid this morning through J. E. Evans, general agent of the Union Mutual Life Insurance company, to Mrs. McGregor, widow of William McGregor, late manager of the New Vancouver Coal Company's mines, who was killed in the recent explosion at Nanaimo.

Capt. Chichester was thrown from his horse in South Westminster yesterday, and besides breaking his arm he sustained other injuries.

Mr. J. S. Rankin, a well known and very popular citizen, was married yesterday to Miss E. M. Macklin, of this city.

So much depends upon the purity of the blood that by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla many different diseases are cured.

THE CONQUERED ISLES

Admiral Sampson Says That Cuban Likes and Dislikes Count for Nothing.

American Military Government Likely to Last for an Indefinite Period.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The war department to-day announced that the following order has been sent to the secretary of war to the commanding officers in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines: "Until otherwise ordered, no grant or concessions of public or corporate rights or franchise for the construction of public of quasi-public works, such as railroads, tramways, telegraph and telephone lines, wharf works, gas works and electric light lines, shall be made by any municipal or other local governmental authority or body in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, except upon the approval of the major-general commanding the military forces of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, who shall before approving any such grant or concession be specially authorized by the secretary of wor."

New York, Dec. 23.—Referring to the situation in Havana, Admiral Sampson, who has just returned to the United States from Cuba, said the perfecting of the customs service and the official police in the island were two most important features in connection with Cuba. When General Greene and Chief McCullough had established their police force Admiral Sampson thought there would be little disorder.

"Do you think the people of Cuba will prove emenable to American government?"

"It does not make any difference whether they are or not," the Admiral replied. "We are now there, and our government will go on as long as it is necessary."

Reverting to the question of the future of Cuba, Admiral Sampson said: "The wealthiest and most influential people in Cuba want the island annexed to the United States, whether as a state or a territory, they do not much care, but there are many Cubans who think they the able to govern themselves. Cuba at present, certainly is in no condition to govern itself. The question of what shall become of Cuba will not be settled for a year at least, and possibly for two or three. In the meantime the military government of the United States will go on."

Havana, Dec. 23.—The Spanish transport Darmstadt sailed to-day for Cadiz with 2,717 officers and men. About 8,000 Spanish troops have embarked this week for Spain, and some 8,000 others are left in Havana. It is estimated that there are 15,000 Spanish troops at Matanzas, and there are about 30,000 Spanish troops in Cienfuegos. The Spanish troops here will withdraw to Matanzas and Cienfuegos after January 1.

Havana, Dec. 23.—At the joint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners to-day, the programme was finally agreed upon for the change of flags on January 1. Promptly at noon the Spanish flags on the various public buildings will be lowered, and immediately thereafter the Stars and Stripes will be hoisted over El Morro and the public buildings of the city, while Spanish artillerists at Cabana fortress will salute the American flag with 21 guns, Spanish warships in the harbor participating in the salute. At the same hour the Spanish troops, if any remain in the city, will be paraded in barracks and will render proper salutes to the American forces passing. Just before noon the United States military commissioners, General Jiminez Castellanos, the Spanish captain-general, and the ranking American officer in Cuba, Major-General John R. Brooks, will assemble at the palace. The Spanish commissioners will then formally surrender the government to the United States commissioners, who will transfer it to the American general commanding. After this the various functionaries will remain a while to receive those who may wish to pay their respects to the incoming authorities.

It was agreed at the joint meeting that the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba after January 1 should be considered in the light of friendly troops in a foreign country, and be accorded the privileges usually granted under international law. The quarters, buildings and grounds occupied by them are to be covered by the immunities of extra territoriality, and further stipulations were entered into respecting the prevention of any disturbance of public order consequent upon their presence.

Matanzas and Cienfuegos will doubtless be the only places where Spanish troops will remain after January 1, and Cienfuegos will be evacuated last.

The Spanish sick in the hospitals will remain under the safeguard of the Americans, the Spanish authorities providing medicines and attendance, with food, and repatriating them on recovery.

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CONTROL IN NICARAGUA

Great Britain Prepared to Abandon Claim to Joint Control of the Canal.

Treaty to That Effect in Prospect —Congress Will Soon Authorize Construction.

London, Dec. 23.—There seems to be little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the cabinet and public opinion, which largely influences the government's policy, points to such action, though no definite understanding with the United States has yet been reached.

Great Britain desires that the Nicaraguan canal be constructed, and is willing that the United States should control it, if the United States will guarantee its neutrality and safeguard of British interests. The reports from Washington that the British ambassador there has been instructed to negotiate for the abrogation of the treaty is incorrect, though it is likely he will soon receive instructions to arrange a basis of action.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The state department originally did not contemplate a formal opening of negotiations to secure the desired amendment of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty till congress should make some progress at least towards the enactment of the Nicaraguan canal bill, the department wishing not to be placed in the false position of negotiating for an object which congress might before the conclusion deem to be undesirable. After the experience they had with the general arbitration treaty there is no particularly strong disinclination to be again in this attitude. However, now that the matter has been brought into such prominence the negotiations may be opened at an earlier date than was originally contemplated, though it may be taken for granted that their intention will be an evidence of the President's conviction that congress will pass some acceptable bill before adjourning.

New York, Dec. 23.—The preliminary report of the Nicaraguan canal commission, consisting of General Hays, Admiral Walker and Prof. Haupt, has been completed and will be read before the senate committee either during the Christmas recess of congress or immediately afterwards.

This report will give many details of construction and in regard to the proposed route, and will give a close figure on the entire cost of the undertaking. One hundred and thirty-five million dollars will be a conservative estimate of the entire cost of the canal, and this almost agrees with that of Major-General William Ludlow's report.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special Washington despatch to the Herald says: "All danger of further friction between the United States and Great Britain over the construction of the Nicaraguan canal will shortly be removed by the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

"Your correspondent is in a position authoritatively to state that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, has received, or will receive within the next few days, positive instructions to enter upon negotiations with Secretary Hay for the abrogation of the convention referred to and the preparation of a new treaty guaranteeing neutrality of the canal.

"The change in the attitude of the British government from its old position of insisting upon having a vote in the construction of the proposed canal is the result of representations made to Lord Salisbury by Mr. Henry White, charge d'affaires of this government in London.

"It is the understanding of those who are aware of the change in the attitude of the British government that Lord Salisbury will suggest through Sir Julian the advisability of the United States granting some concession to his government in return for the relinquishment of the important rights possessed by Great Britain in the matter of a canal across the isthmus, which for nearly fifty years have been recognized by this government in the treaty negotiated with John M. Clayton on the part of the United States and Lord Henry Lytton-Bulwer on the part of the British government. Just what concessions will be asked are not known, nor will they be until full and final instructions have been received by Sir Julian and communicated to Secretary Hay."

London, Dec. 24.—The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in the morning papers. The Daily News and Daily Chronicle publish editorials asserting that Lord Salisbury ought to get some concession in return for consenting to its abrogation. The Daily Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the Far East, increase America's strength in the Atlantic, and alter to England's disadvantgae the carrying trade to the Far East.

SAGASTA VERY ILL.

The Spanish Premier Suffering From Bronchial Pneumonia.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—The condition of Senor Sagasta, who is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, now causes grave anxiety. The newspapers express great sympathy.

BARON ROTHSCHILD'S FUNERAL.

Prince and Princess of Wales Send Floral Offerings—The Busmen's Tribute.

London, Dec. 23.—The funeral services over Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, who died at his country seat, Waddsdon Manor, Aylesbury, last Saturday, were held in the Portland street synagogue in London yesterday. The burial took place privately at the family vault in the cemetery at Westham. The floral offerings included a wreath from the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The London busmen, who were always remembered by the Baron at Christmas with presents of turkeys, appeared to-day wearing the Rothschild racing colors of blue and orange, bound with crape.

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TRANSVAAL OFFENDS AGAIN.

Alleged That Outrage on Englishman Has Been Allowed to Go Unpunished.

Capetown, Dec. 23.—A new row is brewing for President Kruger because of alleged outrages on British residents in the Transvaal. In a recent disturbance the police opened fire and shot an Englishman named Edgar. No efforts to punish the policeman who did the shooting have been made, and a number of Uitlanders have organized to push the case. A similar reform committee was formed before the time of the Jameson raid.

A HUGE THANK OFFERING.

Methodists Propose to Raise Twenty Millions for Happy New Century.

New York, Dec. 23.—A movement has been set on foot among Methodists to celebrate the incoming of the twentieth century by raising a thank offering fund to the amount of $20,000,000. Of this sum it is proposed $10,000,000 will be devoted to educational purposes. The Methodist board of education took action at yesterday's meeting favoring this and proposing that one of the objects shall be helping all of the struggling institutions of learning both by a loan and a gift.

STEEL RAILS FOR AUSTRALIA.

Pennsylvania Company Underbid English Firms for Colonial Government Contract.

London, Dec. 23.—The government of Victoria, according to a special despatch from Melbourne, has accepted the tender of the Pennsylvania & Maryland Steel Co. for 35,000 tons of steel rails at £15,000 below the English tender.

HARRY LINDLEY'S COMPANY.

The Four-Act Comedy "Friends" Seen for the First Time in Victoria.

In their selection of the four-act comedy "Friends" for last evening's entertainment in the A.O.U.W. hall, the Harry Lindley company made a "hit." Those present were kept in fits of laughter, towards which Harry Lindley in the leading role contributed his share, his mannerisms being the life of the play. His blind friend was a role in which Louis Talbot gave every satisfaction, his acting, though considered by some to be a little stiff, being nevertheless clever and good. Miss Adelaide Flint and Miss Florence Nathol were among those in the cast who made friends last evening. The specialties of the evening were given by Miss Ward, Little Mystic, Miss Garcia, Mr. Harry Harrison and Mdlle. Atlantis.

SURPRISED BY THE EMPEROR.

Prussian Cabinet Receives Unexpected and Protracted Visit.

London, Dec. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "Despite the official announcement that Emperor William started for Potsdam at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, it is asserted that he appeared suddenly at that hour at a meeting of the Prussian cabinet which was being held at the residence of Dr. von Miquel, Prussian minister of finance, and remained there until after seven o'clock.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION.

Tommy Ryan Does Up O'Brien, of Boston in Fourteen Rounds.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 23.—Tommy Ryan, of Syracuse, proved too much for Dick O'Brien, of Boston, to-night. The police interfered in the fourteenth round and saved O'Brien from actual knockout.

The fight was scheduled for twenty rounds for the middleweight championship of the world.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—Tom Broderick, of Yonkers, and Charley McKeever, of this city, fought a rattling strong bout at the arena to-day. McKeever had the best of the fight.

VICTIMS OF THE AVALANCHE.

Bodies Recovered and Brought to Dyea —In Vain Warned of Danger.

Skagway, Alaska, Dec. 14.—The bodies of Mrs. Darling, her two sons, aged 18 and 21 years, Harry Shaw, Bert Johns and an unknown man who perished in a snowslide near Crater lake on the Dyea trail, were recovered yesterday and brought to Dyea.

The party started for Lake Linderman last Monday to meet Mr. Darling, husband of the dead woman, who is located at that point. The trip should have taken but two days, and as nothing was heard from them on Wednesday a search party was organized, with the above result. Johns' mother is lying dangerously ill at Juneau, and it is feared the death of her only son, a boy of 18, will kill her.

Both the White and Chilkoot passes are extremely dangerous now, owing to the warm weather for the past week, and slides are of frequent occurrence. The party was warned before leaving, but in their eagerness to reach the husband and father paid no attention to their friends.

Mr. Darling has been notified and is expected in Dyea to-morrow. The body of Johns has been taken in charge by Mr. Johnson, electrician of the Skagway Electric Light Company, whose nephew the boy was.

CUNARDER REPORTED.

The Umbria Off Queenstown, but Unable to Land Irish Passengers.

Queenstown, Dec., 23.—The Cunard steamer Umbria, from New York for Liverpool, arrived off this harbor at 2:55 this morning, but was unable to land the Irish passengers owing to the heavy seas running.

TO SEIZE AN ISLAND.

United States Cruiser to Raise the Flag Over Lone Spot in Pacific.

Station for Proposed Cable Between Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The government has decided to hoist the United States flag over another island far out in the Pacific ocean, and late this afternoon orders were sent out to the commander of the Bennington, Capt. Taussig, to proceed at once to take possession in the name of the government of the United States, of Wake island, lying in latitude 19 north, longitude 168 east. It is distant about 2,000 miles from Nihua, the westernmost of the Hawaiian islands, and 1,300 miles east from Guama. It is almost in a direct line between these possessions of the United States, and is admirably adapted for use as a station for a Pacific cable to connect the Philippines with Hawaii and the United States. It is about three miles in length and encloses a lagoon of salt water.

The average height of the island is eight feet above high tide. It is scarcely capable of sustaining life, but it is expected a cable station can be maintained without difficulty by the erection of a condenser to supply fresh water.

TRADE REVIEWED.

Holiday Buying the One Feature of the Week—American Rails for Siberia.

New York, Dec. 23.—Dun's weekly review says: "In general the reports from Canada are of rather dull business except in holiday lines. Otherwise there is not much indication of improvement. Jobbing business is quiet at St. John, though retailers have a good holiday trade. Wholesale trade at Halifax is decreasing, but Christmas business lifts retail trade. The holiday trade is good at Quebec, and at Montreal excellent, with collections good and money unchanged. Wholesale trade at Toronto is very good in groceries and hardware, but rather quiet in leather, with retail sales in fancy goods, jewellery and furs far ahead of previous years. Payments at Winnipeg are still slow and not much improvement is reported, except a good holiday trade. At Vancouver trade is less active on account of the season, but collections are satisfactory, and retailers report only average business, in some cases not up to expectations. Wholesale trade at Victoria continues much the same, but retail is more active, with a good holiday business."

New York, Dec. 23.—Bank clearings for the Dominion of Canada are:

Montreal, inc. 14 per cent	$14,730,739
Toronto, inc. 21.3 per cent	9,175,941
Winnipeg, inc. 12.9 per cent	2,418,815
Halifax, inc. 12 per cent	1,277,311
Hamilton, inc. 9.5 per cent	724,154
Vancouver	601,729
St. John, dec. 1.9 per cent	561,157
Victoria	401,501

New York, Dec. 23.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: "Probably never before at this date was the course of general business so animated as it is at present. In the city trade no signs of flagging interest are to be discerned, but rather more pronounced activity in new directions. The feature of the week has undoubtedly been the reported placing of an order for 80,000 tons of steel rails with an Eastern rail mill to go to Siberia. All the old strength of prices is maintained, and in some lines—notably billets, wire rods, plates and bars—further advances are reported. In many lines the country's productions seem to be heavily sold ahead. The foreign demand for cereals continues unabated, any slight price reaction being taken advantage of by foreign buyers. Wheat closes the week with quotations well up to the highest paid this autumn. Business failures for the week number 212, against 234 last week and 280 in this week a year ago."

A BOOM IN COPPER.

New York Capitalists See Big Profit in Controlling the Output.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The boom in copper mining stocks which began a month ago became a scramble for the active stocks at times to-day, with a very heavy volume of trading and prices up several points.

The reason for this is said to be the fact that a combination of New York capitalists aims to control the copper output of the country, and has started into buy up all the available stock in the leading companies, with the idea of pooling it on some basis not made known as yet, and probably not full decided upon. Already a majority of the stock of some of the largest companies is in the control of the syndicate and the whole deal is likely to be completed within sixty days.

AMERICANS AT GIBRALTAR.

Hospitality of Governor and British Officers Appreciated.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Evidences of British friendliness towards the United States are being constantly reported to the government. The latest is told in the following letter received at the navy department from Commander W. T. Swinbourne, of the gunboat Helena, dated Gibraltar, December 8:

"The cordial hospitality extended to us by the English officers at this port, both afloat and ashore, has been most marked. As we entered the harbor on Saturday last, while passing the line of battleships, the crews were drawn up and the bands played the American national airs. I had the pleasure of dining with the Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Robt. Biddulph, and invitations for dinner were received from the Colonel and officers of the Second Grenadier Guards and from the officers of the flagship Magnificent."

Boys' Sailor Suits, $1, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00. B. Williams & Co.

A PRIZE RELEASED.

French Steamship Set Free Because the Blockade Was Not Effective.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 23.—In the United States district court here to-day Judge Brawley handed down a decision discharging the Olinde Rodriguez, the French steamship made a prize of war by the cruiser New Orleans on July 17. The ship belonged to the Transatlantic line. Judge Brawley releases the ship on the ground that the blockade of San Juan was not effective on the 5th of July in the sense in which the term is accepted by the nations.

GERMAN MEAT INSPECTION.

Will Not Be Offensive to America Unless Regarded at Petty Vexation.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—At the annual convention of the Conservative party in East Prussia to-day Count Klinkowstroer, referring to the meat inspection law, said that when Dr. Von Holleben, German ambassador to the United States, was asked during his recent visit how the United States would receive the bill, he replied that the Americans were very sensitive with regard to petty vexations, but if a strong law were adopted they would quietly yield.

TURKISH VILLAIN SLAIN.

Shielded by Sultan From Oft Deserved Punishment, He Meets Death in a Brawl.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Chani Bey, the Sultan's aide-de-camp, was murdered yesterday by Hafuz Pasha in a quarrel which took place in a pastry cook's place.

Chani became notorious owing to his lawless proceedings in Epirus. He also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Chani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

Hafuz Pasha escaped and is still at large. The official press bureau prohibits any mention of the affair in the newspapers. It appears, however, that Hafuz Pasha, after a slight altercation, placed the muzzle of a revolver close to the head of Chani Bey and fired. Chani died after a few hours' suffering.

Chani won the Sultan's favor and promotion by committing numerous crimes. He was sent to restore order in Epirus after the Greco-Turkish war. At the head of 300 lawless companions he robbed, pillaged and murdered by wholesale, until he was summoned home, only to be promoted to colonelcy. Then he continued his iniquities here. He would enter a shop, draw a revolver and compel the owner to open the safe and give up the contents.

AMERICANS TOAST THE QUEEN.

Society of New England Pays This Compliment to Friend and Ally Over the Water.

New York, Dec. 23.—A toast to the health of Her Majesty Queen Victoria was an unexpected feature of the annual dinner of the Society of New England, held at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. Judge Henry S. Howland, expresident of the society, was in the chair, and around the tables were gathered a large number of distinguished gentlemen.

At the conclusion of the chairman's address a cablegram was read from Sir Thomas J. Lipton, regretting his inability to be present at the banquet, and adding: "Upon the friendship of our race depend the permanent peace and prosperity of the whole world. May the friendship grow and increase; may no shadow ever fall upon it; may the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack ever float together."

"I think it is due to our friend and ally on the other side of the water that we should drink the health of Her Majesty the Queen," said Judge Howland. While the band played "God Save the Queen," the diners joined in singing the words of the song.

Catarrh Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. We sell six bottles for $3 and guarantee an absolute cure. Sold by Cyrus H. Bowes.

SOLDIERS FROZEN TO DEATH.

London, Dec. 23.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Several hundred Montenegrin soldiers who were recently overtaken by a snowstorm in the Lara Pass were frozen to death. The expendition sent to their rescue found the snow drifts so heavy that it was impossible to save them."

Boys' Pea Jackets and Overcoats, $1.25, $1.75, $1.90, $2 25. B. Williams & Co.

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STOCKS, METALS AND PRODUCE.

Speculation in London Unusually Active —New York Prices Vary But Slightly.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Commercial Advertiser's financial cable from London says: "To-day was the busiest and had the largest attendance seen in the stock exchange here on the eve of Christmas for a very long time. Prices were generally steady. The American market was active and noisy as ever, closing at the best. Denvers and Norfolks were the feature. Spanish bonds were 45½. Copper stocks were firm. There were further large borrowings from the bank."

New York, Dec. 23.—The stock market moved in an irregular fashion to-day, but changes as a result of the day's operations were fractionally in favor of the advocates of the long account, a very unusual thing on the eve of Christmas holidays. The activity and breadth of market were sustained. London was a buyer in the early dealings, but later took profits on the rise here.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Dec. 22	Dec. 23
Amn. Cotton Oil	33	33¼
Amn. Tob	140⅝	142¾
Amn. Tob pfd	..	131
Amn. Sugar	125	126⅛
Amn. Spirits	13⅛	14
Amn. Spirits pfd	37½	37¾
Atchison	18⅜	18¾
Atchison pfd	50¾	50⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	70¼	69¾
Bay State Gas	6⅛	7⅞
Can. Pac.	..	84¾
Can. Southern	56¼	56⅞
Ches. & Ohio	25⅛	25⅛
Chicago, B. & Q	122⅞	122¾
Chicago Gas	108⅛	109¼
Chicago & N. W.	142	142½
C. R. I. & Pac.	111⅛	111⅛
C. M. & St. P.	118	118⅛
C. C. C. & St. L.	44	43⅝
Cons. Gas, N. Y.	195	194
Del. & Hudson	105¼	104½
Denver & Rio G. pfd	68⅝	68¾
Gen. Electric	93⅝	94
Hocking Valley	..	4
Lake Erie & Western	21½	21
Lake Erie & Western pfd	75	74¼
Louisville & Nashville	63¾	64¼
Man. Elev.	97½	97¾
Mo. Pac.	45	45
National Lead	37⅞	38¼
National Lead pfd	..	114¼
North American Co.	..	7⅜
Nor Pac. com. new	42	42⅜
Nor. Pac. pfd	76¾	76½
N. Y. C. & H.	123⅛	123
N. Y. L. E. & W.	..	14¼
N. Y. L. E. & W. pfd	37½	37¾
N. Y. Ont. & W.	17½	17¼
Omaha com	92½	..
Pacific Mail	43¾	44⅝
Phil. & Reading, all paid	19	..
Standard Rope & Twine	8¼	8¾
Southern Railway com	10¼	10⅜
Southern Railway pfd	41½	41⅜
Tenn. Coal & Iron	37½	38⅝
Texas & Pacific	19¼	19
U. S. Leather	6⅞	7¼
U. S. Leather pfd	70⅛	71⅝
U. S. Rubber com	44⅜	45
U. S. Rubber pfd	111¼	110½
Union Pacific receipts	43⅞	43¼
Union Pacific pfd	73⅝	73¼
Wabash pfd	23½	..
Western Union	92⅞	..
W. & L. E.	5⅞	..
W. & L. E. pfd	27⅞	..
Met. St. Ry.	192	..
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	72⅞	74¼
Com. Cable in Montreal	183	183⅛

New York, Dec. 23.—Money on call steady at 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 to 4½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady at $4.81½ to $4.81¾ for demand, and at $4.81¾ to $4.82 for sixty days. Posted rates $4.82½ and $4.85½. Commercial bills $4.81. Government bonds irregular.

New York, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 59¾c; Mexican dollars, 45⅝c; silver certificates, 59¼ to 60½c.

Copper quiet; brokers, $12.75; exchange, $12.85 to $13.00.

Lead firm; brokers, $3.60; exchange, $3.82½ to $3.85.

Tin firmer; straits, $18.25 to $18.37½; plates quiet.

Spelter dull; domestic, $5.25.

Rosin steady. Turpentine strong, $4.41½ to $4.45.

Pig iron firm; Southern, $10.25 to $11.25; Northern, $10.25 to $12.00.

New York, Dec. 23.—Wheat closed—March, 76¼c; May, 73¼c; Dec., 75⅛c.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat closed—Dec., 66⅞c; May, 68⅞c; July, 67⅛c.

Corn—Dec., 36⅛c; May, 37½c; July, 37⅞c to 37¾c.

Oats—May, 27⅜c to 27½c; July, 25⅞c.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HOT TOM AND JERRY at Windsor Hotel to-day.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

Electors of the city of Victoria.
Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for School Trustee at the coming election.

Respectfully yours,
W. J. HANNA.

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Ry.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSION

Tickets on sale to all points at reduced rates available for going journey, December 24th, 25th and 26th. Good for return not later than December 27th.

Geo. L. Courtney,
Traffic Manage

MISCELLANEOUS.

DON'T fall to see great bicycle race between Howard, Omaha, and Ainsley, Vancouver, for purse of $175, at Skating Rink Thursday and Saturday nights. Admission 25 cents; skating free. d22

TRAP SHOOTING for geese at Cliff House on Saturday 24th, and Monday 26th, birds anr trap are free; ammunition can be had on the grounds. d21

DR. D. B. HOLDEN has removed his office and residence to 89 Fort street a few doors above Douglas street. d21

MRS. C. KOSCHE has returned from San Francisco, where she has taken a full course of lessons in FACE STEAMING AND MASSAGE, and will be pleased to receive lady customers; hair dressing; latest styles. 42 Government street, Victoria, B. C. n26

1/10 Cent Each Cup Is all that it costs to infuse. The strength and flavor is so good that "Salada" Ceylon Tea is economical in use.

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TO LET OR LEASE.

TO LET — Three warm, well furnished rooms, with bath and breakfast. 144 Menzies st. d23

UNFURNISHED rooms to let. 73 Pembroke st. d23

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, single, en suite or unfurnished. 90 Douglas st. d21

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms in suites at 104 Pandora st. Apply 97 Quadra st. d2-1

TO LET—Three cottages on Centre road, Spring Ridge, at $5 per month; also house with 3½ acres of land at Oaklands. Apply 5 Centre road, Spring Ridge. d15

TO RENT—From 1st January, 350 acre farm, nine miles from town, one mile from railway; 30 acres under crop; large cattle run; new house and buildings; small orchard; rent very low. Apply A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street. d3

TO LET—Comfortable furnished rooms, single or double, with or without board, in a good locality; terms moderate. 51 Vancouver street. Please call any time in the morning. n18

FOR SALE.

CABINET GRAND Karn piano, used only about two months; must sell on account of sickness; no reasonable offer refused. T. B. Oliver, care Colonist. d23

FOR SALE—An elegant new piano, upright; cash or terms to suit. Address Steinway, Colonist office. d23

THREE ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE—In small fruits; 4 miles from town; good income can be made; exceptional inducements; $100 cash, balance small monthly payments. Address "Land," care Colonist. d18

FOR SALE—Horse, light express and cart; in good condition; can be seen at 34 Pioneer street. d17

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE—A farm of 160 acres, on the Mainland, with a comfortable hard-finished six-roomed cottage; all kinds of fruit; convenient to boats, railways, schools and churches. For particulars address B. W. Colonist office. n18

FOR SALE—A fine buggy horse; also top buggy and harness. Apply M., this office. n10-tf

FOR SALE, CHEAP—Leaving the country. One of the most beautiful homes on Vancouver Island; on the Quamichan Lake; two miles from railway (Duncan); 69 or 118 acres, as desired; nearly half cleared; 13-room house (hot and cold water); large double barn and other buildings; close to first-class trout and salmon fishing, shooting, etc., also to good tennis club. Apply to L. D., 33 Birdcage Walk, Victoria, B.C. Oct. 30.

FARM FOR SALE, CHEAP—About half value or less—188 acres on the Koksilah river, 3 miles south from Cowichan Station, E. & N. railway; 140 acres enclosed; 50 acres pasture, timothy gross; 10 acres cleared; orchard, house, barn and fences; government road; good fishing, etc.; got to be sold, as the owner leaves for Scotland. Address D. Stewart, Cowichan Station P. O., B. C.; who can meet purchaser at the station. Come and see this property and tell your price, etc. d18

LOST OR FOUND.

STRAYED—On Wednesday, fox terrier dog 7 months old; black and tan face; black and white body; information be gladly received at E. & N. Station.

FOUND—A pocket book containing papers; owner can have same by proving property. 236 Cook st. d23

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MUSICAL.

PROF. KAUFFMANN, from Chicago—Piano, violin and mandolin. Room 77, Five Sisters block. Office hours, 2 to 3 p.m. Best references; moderate terms. n24

EDUCATIONAL.

MISS DAWSON, 13½ Bellot street—Instruction in English subjects; French, German; Drawing, Arithmetic and literature by a visiting master. Terms inclusive, Term recommences January 8th. d22

WANTED.

WANTED—At once, a young Englishman, good milker and generally useful on a farm. Write H. G., Colonist. d23

WANTED — Well bred shepherd or collie pup. Address R., Colonist office. d23

REQUIRED for H.M.S. "Icarus," a ward room steward or messman. Apply on board during forenoon. d23

WANTED—By a gentleman, bedroom and full or partial board, in private house; superior; bath; good locality. Address A. G., Colonist office. d23

WANTED—A girl to assist with housework and care of children. Apply 90 Quebec st. d22

WANTED—A teacher for the Okanagan Mission public school; a lady with considerable teaching experience would be preferred. Apply to Geo. Whelan, secretary board of school trustees, Okanagan Mission, B. C. d20

WANTED—2,000 rockmen and laborers for White Pass & Yukon railway; wages 35 cents per hour; rock station work, $1 to $1.50 per yard; work guaranteed; good camps; work 9 hours a day. Apply to M. J. Heney, contractor, room 4, third floor Inns of Court Bd., Vancouver, B.C. d17

WANTED—A reliable person to do cooking in a small family. Address P. O. box 10. d11

WANTED—BY a single genlteman first of month, a warm and comfortable furnished room in private family, with home comforts, five or ten minutes' walk from Government street. Apply to A. E., Colonist office. d11

A YOUTH, 16, desires situation; good knowledge of bookkeeping and typewriting; would make himself generally useful; good references. Address T. G., Colonist office. n30

WANTED—By experienced young man, position as shipping clerk, or tallyman preferred; wages low at start. Address P.O. Box 313, Victoria. n23

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CLEANSING SANTIAGO.

Sanitary Commissioner Has Removed from Public Places the Filth of Ages.

Prominent Citizens at Work Cleaning the Streets They Defiled—Inhabitants Docile.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Robert P. Porter, special commissioner for the United States to Cuba and Porto Rico, has returned from Santiago and has submitted his report to the secretary of the treasury. The machinery of the military government, Mr. Porter says, is running with a fair degree of smoothness, and the men responsible for it understood their business thoroughly.

The disagreeable smells of the typical Cuban city are less pronounced in Santiago. Whitewash, lime water, fresh paint and all sorts of disinfectants have deodorized the surrounding atmosphere and made the old town quite habitable. The streets are no longer used as sewers, and the unhappy individual who violates the law and comes under the lash of the sanitary commissioner's whip is compelled to work on the streets for thirty days. This official, Major Barbour, with 125 men dressed in spotless white, and 32 mule teams and carts, having dug out from the streets of Santiago the filth of ages, is now able to keep them absolutely clean. Every day the garbage of the city is burned. The work is not confined to the streets, but extends to the dwelling-houses, shops and buildings of all kinds.

Eminently respectable citizens were forcibly brought before the commanding general and sentenced to aid in cleaning the streets they were in the habit of defiling. The campaign has ended in complete surrender to the sanitary officials, and the inhabitants of Santiago, regardless of class, have had their first object lesson in the new order of things inaugurated by the war.

London, Dec. 22.—The Havana correspondent of the Times, in the course of a letter published this morning, says: "President McKinley will have an unfettered hand here. A majority of the Cubans are prepared to accept unreservedly any regime treating them justly and ensuring the tranquility of the island. The Spanish residents also are contented to accept the inevitable, believing that their interests will be protected and themselves fairly treated. Therefore the way is clear to establish any system of government the Washington authorities may see fit to impose.

BOY SHOT A SHERIFF.

The Officer Was Executing Process of Foreclosure on Family Homestead.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Thomas Crosby, the thirteen-year-old son of Mrs. Margaret Crosby, a wealthy widow living in Edgewater, a suburb of Chicago, shot and instantly killed Deputy Sheriff Frank Nye to-day while Nye was attempting to serve a writ of restitution. The writ was based on a mortgage of $20,000, which had been foreclosed on the Crosby homestead. The officer was warned by the boy not to attempt to enter the house. The boy said he had been instructed to shoot anyone who attempted to enter.

CHRISTMAS AT HAND.

Canadian Society in New York Dine and Banquet in Regular Form.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Canadian Society of New York held its second annual Christmas-tide dinner at the Marlborough house to-night. About two hundred Canadian residents of this city were present. After a general reception in one of the parlors came a typical English Christmas dinner in the banquet hall.

Percy Sanderson, consul-general for Great Britain, and Dr. Wm. Henry Drummond, of Montreal, were the guests of honor. The toast "The President" was drunk in silence, standing, and was followed by the singing of "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee." "The Queen" was also drunk in silence, standing, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung. "The Governor-General of Canada" was toasted with "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

ANGLICANS IN KOOTENAY.

Plans Completed for the Formation of a New Diocese.

The committee appointed to complete the details, and, with the Bishop of New Westminster's consent, to make application to the provincial house of the formal formation of the diocese of Kootenay, with the 120th meridian as the Western and the Rockies to Mount Hood as the Eastern boundary, met Thursday in Nelson to consider the Coast section of the committee's report, with the Archdeacon of Columbia as chairman of the joint committee, says the Nelson Miner.

The report was adopted with a few alterations and agreed to; so that all that is now needed is the Bishop's consent to complete what is a most unique proof of the importance of the mining districts of British Columbia. This result may be looked upon now as attained, and the appointment of the regular officials will, no doubt, be made early in the spring.

The election of a bishop depends upon the necessary provision being made, and in the Kootenays it will not be long delayed. Until then the new diocese will be in charge of the Bishop of New Westminster, who will thus be Bishop of New Westminster and Kootenay.

TIRED OF POLITICAL STRIFE.

Spanish Public Men Agree That a New Election Is Not Desirable.

London, Dec. 22.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: Most of the liberal leaders whom Senor Sagasta has consulted strongly oppose a dissolution of the cortes on the ground that it would be imprudent to plunge the country into an electoral agitation under existing conditions. Senor Montero Rios and others urge that every effort be made ta re-unite the liberal party. Apparently Senor Gamazo's party of dissentients are relenting and there are better hopes of a full reconciliation.

CATARRH AND HAY FEVER.

If it's hay fever that is the bug-bear of your life, you won't know the pleasure of freedom from it till you've tried Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure.

CUBAN JUNTA DISSOLVED.

No Reason for Its Existence Since Spain Has Been Driven From the Island.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Cuban junta in America has dissolved, as the reason for its existence, the freeing of the island of Cuba from the bondage of Spain has ceased to exist with the final signing of the peace treaty. The formal dissolution of the organization was marked by the issuing of a statement by the junta to its members and friends. The full document is a very long one, going into the detail of the organization of the body, its history, etc.

FIFTEEN GOOD ROUNDS.

Boston Pugilist Makes Game Exhibition Against Englishman at Birmingham.

Birmingham, Dec. 22.—At the Olympic club this evening, Mike Sears of Boston, Mass., was defeated by Wright, of England, in the fifteenth round after one of the greatest fights seen here in a long time.

SAVED BY A MATCH.

With It a Fire Was Started That Condensed Sea Water for Thirsting Sailors.

New York, Dec. 16.—When Captain Samuel Shackford, superintendent of the American line, heard through the steamship Italia that his brother, Captain E. Wallace Shackford, and his crew of the wrecked schooner Johanna Swan were safe on the bark Anna approaching this port he started out to sea on the tug R. J. Barrett and met the Anna seven miles east of Fire Island lightship yesterday. Captain E. Wallace Shackford had been given up for dead.

The mate, E. Cameron, told the story of the Johanna Swan's wrecking, and the remarkable preservation of her crew. She left Satilla River, Ga., on November 18.

On November 26, when 175 miles from New York, a moderate southeast wind had turned into a northwest hurricane at 5 p.m. At 8 a.m. November 27 a gigantic sea dashed the mainsail entirely clear of the ropes. The schooner was kept before the hurricane till 5 p.m.

The crew had been pumping all the time, and the only hope lay in chopping away the masts. The lanyards and backstays were cut, and away went the masts, the mizzen smashing the after-house and the two boats. The nine men finding the lazarette was not quite full of water, piled sails and cordage almost to the hatch, pulled a tarpaulin across the top and lived there for five days with almost nothing to eat.

By thursday, December 1, the men were suffering terribly for water. Mate Cameron said that he was going to start a fire. "If you can build a fire I can condense salt," said able seaman Bernard Lilghenbaum.

So they spread sheets of copper on top of the deck-house, poured sea water into the captain's fresh water tank, ran a rubber hose from the top of the tank into a tin bucket, and in a brazier fashioned from a copper sheet Mate Cameron started a fire with the only match Captain Shackford had saved.

In two hours enough fresh water had been condensed to afford every man two tablespoonfuls, and by 5 a.m. a gallon and a half of good drinking water was ready. It was carefully treasured.

On Friday, December 2, the German bark Anna, Captain Woege, from Bremen for this port, saved all hands, and the wrecked Johanna Swan was set afire.

SPIRIT WRESTLERS SAIL.

Russian Colonists for Canadian Northwest at Last on Their Way.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The Beaver line steamship Lake Huron, which has just sailed for St. John, N.B., from the Russian port of Batoum, has on board 1,822 persons, comprising the first party of Doukhobors, who are going to settle in the Canadian Northwest.

In charge of the party is Count Zerge Tolstoi, son of the idealist and author. Mr. Souleryitsky, whose name is now familiar in connection with the movement, will conduct a party on the next steamship, the Lake Superior.

The party of Doukhobors will proceed directly from St. John to Winnipeg, where arrangements have been made to look after their comfort for the winter. They will not be allotted lands until the spring.

ROASTED ON THE WIRES.

Horrible Death of a Lineman in the Heart of Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Among a network of wires twenty feet above the ground, Roderick Chisholm, an electrician, was slowly burned to death in sight of several hundred spectators at the corner of Fifty-fifth and State streets. For nearly ten minutes the horror-stricken crowd watched the workmen in their frantic efforts to release their comrade from among the wires.

Chisholm was employed by the Commonwealth Electric Company, and with a number of other men was stringing wires along State street. While at the top of the poles it is supposed he grasped a live wire. He was seen to fall back among the wires apparently lifeless. Ladders were secured, and after considerable difficulty and not a little danger to the rescuers, Chisholm was gotten to the street.

WILL ENROL INSURGENTS.

Philippine and Cuban Natives to Have Place in Enlarged American Army.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Philippine insurgents and Cuban patriots will all be given an opportunity to enlist in the service of Uncle Sam.

Aguinaldo's followers, as well as Cubans, are to get a share in the $3,000,000 appropriated in the urgency deficiency bill as a substantial recognition of the services rendered in the late war.

If the President is given authority to increase the standing army, insurgents will be accepted as recruits. This is believed by the administration to be a complete solution of what for a time seemed a vexing problem.

CHILIAN PAPER MONEY.

London, Dec. 22.—According to a despatch to the Times from Santiago de Chili the reorganization of the Chilian cabinet under Senor Carlos Walker Martinez entirely eliminates the party which advocates paper currency.

Will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return—Carter's Little Liver Pills. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. See advertisement. Small pill, small dose, small price.

THE DREYFUS DOSSIER.

London, Dec.22.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The government has decided to hand the Dreyfus secret dossier to the court of cassation. It will also be communicated to Madame Dreyfus and to M. Morard, counsel for Dreyfus."

TESTING ANDREE'S GEAR.

Balloonists Try His Steering Device in a Trip Across the Channel.

New York, Dec. 22.—A special London cable despatch to the Times says: The Chronicle will publish this morning an account from its correspondent sent on a balloon trip across the channel, showing that Andree's steering gear was tested with perfect success.

The sail used was 18 feet square, instead of the 12 feet one used in land experiments. The aeronauts took the course when the two hundred feet of trail rope was in the water, and found they had deflected three points, or about double that obtained on land in Essex several weeks ago. This was not surprising, for the frictional resistance of the trailing rope in the water was immense.

Another test gave the same result, but this time the balloon descended within two feet of the water. To keep the balloon at an even altitude was a task of the greatest difficulty, and owing to the cold air on the water, the sun-heated gas cooled with lightning rapidity, demanding a constant expenditure of ballast to prevent it falling into the sea.

The balloon again rose 2,300 feet, but dropped behind a thick cloud. The sudden eclipse caused a rapid descent, and in a few minutes the balloon touched the ocean. A wave struck the car, and it was an exciting moment for the aeronauts, their gum boots being filled with water.

Percival Spencer, the famous aeronaut in charge, promptly threw out ballast and saved himself from immersion. The balloon rose 3,000 feet after clearing the French cliffs and landed safely amid some Norman peasants four miles east of Havre, having in the trip covered 150 miles, of which 75 miles were over the sea.

TELEGRAPHERS' DEMANDS.

Substance of Proposition Now Before Grand Trunk Management.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The demands of the G.T.R. telegraphers, as submitted by Grand Chief Powell to General Manager Hays, included the following clauses:

When a telegrapher is suspended or discharged for an alleged fault, he will have a fair and impartial trial, and the division will be advised within five days after the filing of his written request therefor with a proper official; and if suspended for investigation, such investigation will be held and the decision advised within five days without such request. If blameless in the case under investigation, he will be paid at the regular rate for the time lost, and reinstated. If detained more than five days awaiting an investigation at company's instance he will be paid for extra time in excess of five days, whether found guilty or not. If the decision rendered is considered to be unjust, an appeal may be made in writing to the general superintendent through the local board of adjustment.

2. Right of promotion of telegraphers will extend over each superintendent's divisioin and will be governed by merit and ability. This being equal, the telegrapher longest in the division will have the first chance. In the case of a reduction in telegraphers employed, senior telegraphers on their respective superintendents' divisions, will be retained in service in preference to telegraphers junior to them. Telegraphers will have the exclusive right to any position incorporated in the attached wage schedule.

3. Minimum monthly salary will be as follows: Telegraphers without dwelling, fuel and light, $45; telegraphers with dwelling, fuel and light, $45. First trick despatchers, $95; second tick despatchers, $90; third trick despatchers, $80; relieving agents, $60 (and 50 cents per day expenses). Terms of agreement are binding on each party subject ot 60 days' notice of change.

Montreal, Dec. 22—The negotiations between the Grand Trunk and the railway operators have been cut off and serious developments are expected by to-morrow.

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LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Victoria, B. C., June, 1898.

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CONDITION OF TRADE.

The merchants of Victoria report that trade is excellent. That this is not wholly due to the holiday season is shown by the fact that wholesale houses are unusually busy. A leading wholesaler said yesterday: "I don't know where all the goods can be going to." He did not mean this literally, of course, but simply as a way of expressing his appreciation of the magnitude of the business being done. The retail houses have had a very fine Christmas trade. Some of them say it has been the best they have ever enjoyed. The thronged appearance of the streets and stores indicates better than words that a very fine Christmas trade is being done. The best of the case is the general feeling that we are only at the beginning of good times. The year 1899 is likely to be the most prosperous in a commercial way that Victoria has ever experienced. Prospects for a heavy northern business are exceptionally bright.

A HOUSE OF DETENTION.

The remarks of Dr. Fraser, city health officer, published in the Colonist yesterday, emphasize the necessity of providing in Victoria a house of detention for insane persons or patients suffering from delirium tremens. The Jubilee hospital is no place for them. The by-laws of that institution expressly forbid the reception of insane persons, but patients who have delirium tremens are taken in and treated. These observations apply to all patients, whether they are free or pay patients. The general ward of a hospital is no place for an insane person. It can hardly be necessary to make any argument upon this point, or to demonstrate that it is by no means desirable that an insane person should be in a separate ward in the same building, where sick people are undergoing treatment. It is only necessary for anyone to imagine how they would feel, if they were ill and were compelled to lie in bed in the same room with or in an adjoining room to a lunatic, whose ravings might at any moment create a disturbance. We mention this to show the reason of the by-law forbidding the acceptance of insane patients, which is a salutary rule and ought not to be changed. It is obvious that, if the rule is departed from in one case, it may be in another, and hence it is proper that the resident medical officer should adhere as strictly as he can to the letter of the by-law. Doubtless by so doing a hardship will be worked in some cases, but this can hardly be prevented.

In this connection it may be as well to explain that the resident medical officer has the ultimate decision of the propriety of admitting a patient. The admission card directs him to admit the patient, "if after examination you consider him a fit and proper subject for hospital treatment." Emergency cases may be admitted without such a card, but in all cases the resident medical officer has the final power to say who shall be admitted. It would be impossible to manage the institution if this power was not vested in him. The following is the rule prescribed for the guidance of that officer:

Free Patients.—Any person being a bona fide resident of the province, destitute of means, not insane nor lunatic, nor afflicted with any infectious, contagious nor incurable disease, on producing a card of admission signed by two directors, and a certificate signed by any registered practitioner of the province, that he or she is a fit subject for hospital treatment, is admitted after inspection and approval of the resident medical officer.

Any accident or urgent case is admitted promptly, without any formality whatever.

Pay Patients.—Are admitted on the certificate of a registered practitioner, provided that they are not suffering from any infectious, contagious or incurable disease, and are not lunatic nor insane.

Under these rules it is very clear that if a person presented for admission, is, in the opinion of the resident medical officer, a lunatic or insane, he must refuse to admit him to the hospital. In regard to persons suffering from delirium tremens, they are entitled under the rules of admission and are admitted, but we suggest that this is a mistake and that some other arrangement should be made for such cases.

Under these circumstances is appears desirable that the city should take into consideration the advisability of fitting up a cottage on its property, adjoining the Jubilee hospital, for the care of persons suffering from delirium tremens, and also of those who are insane, pending their removal to the provincial institution. At present there is no place in Victoria where insane persons can be kept, except the police station, and the accommodations for them in that quarter are very inadequate. The cost of such a cottage would not be great, and there would be no necessity for having anyone specialy in charge of it, for the caretaker of the city buildings could look after it. It would, of course, be necessary to provide a nurse or nurses when the cottage was in use.

It may be well to add something in regard to the care of free patients at the Jubilee hospital. The directors of the institution say that no cases have ever been refused, and that at the present time the free wards are full. They invite the closest scrutiny of their attitude towards those who apply for free treatment.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

It is an old saying that when a certain class of people fall out, a certain other class get their due. This has a special appositeness in view of the following extract from the Vancouver Province:

"Finance Minister Cotton has made an important announcement regarding the Island railway lands question." So runs a paragraph in the news summary in Mr. Cotton's paper this morning, and by reference to the matter to which it refers, it is seen that on Saturday last at a meeting at Cobble Hill Mr. Cotton told the electors what the government proposed doing regarding the E. & N. railway land belt, and the right of prospectors to prospect it.

This is not a very awful thing, it is true. What the Province objects to is this: The enunciation of the government's policy was made several days or a week before at Alberni by the Hon. Joseph Martin, and Mr. Cotton's speech was merely a more or less able rehash of the policy planned and outlined to the public by the Attorney-General. Mr. Martin's speech was reported in the Province at the time, but not one word of it appeared in the News-Advertiser. In fact, no reference was made in that paper to the government's railway lands policy at all until this morning, when we find Mr Cotton credited in Mr. Cotton's own paper with having made the important announcement, the fair inference being of course that he evolved the policy.

It is hardly the fair thing for a cabinet minister with a newspaper at his back to use that paper for the purpose of advancing his own prestige at the expense of that of his colleagues. It may be urged in Mr. Cotton's defence that he was absent at the time, and did not know what course his news editor would pursue. In that event he should instruct his able lieutenant that the News-Advertiser should be something more than a mere vehicle for throwing bouquets at the Minister of Finance. The people who elected Mr. Cotton want to see fair play, and they expect to see Mr. Cotton's paper play fairly with them as well as with the members of the government.

This is delightfully Martinesque. It is positively unique. It is also timely, because it is calculated to evoke those feelings of merriment which are so appropriate to the holiday season.

It likewise gives the voters of Cowichan something to think over. They are asked to elect Mr. Sword and thereby support the present government. They may very naturally ask which side of the government they will be understood as supporting, if they choose for their representative "the rejected of Dewdney." There is an old and well tried saying about the insubstantial character of a house divided against itself, which suits the present emergency. Our Cowichan friends being practical people will see the folly of trusting to a team that does not pull together

SPITEFULNESS DEFEATS ITSELF.

The News-Advertiser has at last menaged to deliver itself in regard to the decision of Mr. Justice Drake in the contempt proceedings. It says:

As the Colonist has challenged us to refer to the matter, we have no hesitation in saying that in our opinion Mr. Justice Drake gave a decision on the case which does not meet with the approval of either the public or many of the most eminent men at the bar of this province. If such an uncalled-for attack as that made by the Colonist on Mr. Justice Martin is only a technical contempt of court, then some of the decisions rendered in the Supreme court during the past fifteen years have been instances of judicial tyranny. Possibly a constant perusal of the Colonist's articles may have lowered the intellectual judgments of the members of the Supreme court bench, and while that is a matter for regret, it may explain things otherwise inexplicable to the lay mind. Possibly such a remark may be held by the Colonist as proving its statement that we "have the courage to be nasty."

It would not be easy to suggest anything more insulting to the Supreme court judges than this. The News-Advertiser aims at being severe upon the Colonist. It has succeeded in being insulting to an honorable body of men, holding positions of the highest trust and responsibility in this province. The Colonist will claim and ever exercise the right to criticize the judgments and official conduct of the judges. No man who is fit to occupy a seat upon the bench will object to that. To use the words of one of Great Britain's lord chancellors, it will "push its observations to the last point of logic," if it is necessary to do so in order to uphold what it regards as a correct view of the law or the propriety of judicial conduct; but it trusts to be able always to discover how to maintain the right of free discussion, without descending to the language of insult, such as the News-Advertiser employs in the extract above quoted.

We all read the story of the old Russian gun found at Atlin, also several stories of respectable sacks of gold being brought out, also the story of the prehistoric man whose remains were unearthed up there. Some ingenious Englishman has worked up from these data an interesting news item to the effect that a Russian skeleton with a gun and sack of gold beside him has been found.

John Haddon & Co.'s Central Advertising Offices, Salisbury Square, London, have issued a very attractive pamphlet on Canada, entitled "A New Field for British Manufacturers." It contains a great deal of excellent matter, and is illustrated by several maps. Typographically the pamphlet is a gem.

The announcement that the United States has determined to maintain the existing territorial status of the islands of the Pacific is interesting, but not unexpected. The nation most likely to resent it, if such a policy is decided on, is Germany, which aims at owning Samoa.

It is possible that the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty may play a part in the negotiations now pending before the Anglo-American commission. We are inclined to put a query after the alleged conclusions of the conference.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MINERS AND THE E. & N.

Sir: As I was the first person to pay the E. & N. Railway Company for surface rights on a mining claim, I am able to speak from experience as to the manner in which prospectors are used by the company. It is only simple justice for me to say that I have been well treated in every respect. The terms of payment have been most liberal, and I have had every opportunity given me to prove the property before paying for it.

HARRY SMITH.

Duncan, V.I., 22nd Dec., 1898.

THE S.S. "MANAUENSE."

Sir: The report in the Colonist to-day is not true. I am the registered owner and master of the steamer Manauense. The mortgagee is not in possession. Neither I nor my solicitors have been served with any proceedings in the matter, and therefore I shall be glad if you will give prominence to this contradiction.

T. T. EDWARDS.

MR. PENDRAY EXPLAINS.

Sir: In your paper of the 22nd you state that "an old colored man was found in one of Pendray's cabins in a terrible condition, his mind being deranged, etc., etc." As this is calculated to leave a false impression on the public at large, I will thank you to allow me to state briefly the facts of the case:

First—It was not in a "cabin" that he was found, but simply an old shack that had been used formerly as a chicken house.

Second—He was there without my knowledge or permission.

Third—It was I who found him, and not Dr. Fraser, or anyone else, and immediately on discovering the poor old man I naturally rendered him the slight pressing assistance that he was in immediate need of, and then communicated his condition to the city hall.

Fourth—If I had not been overlooking the shack he was in with some other old outhouses he doubtless would have remained undiscovered yet, as no one seemed aware of his presence there.

This explanation will also answer my anonymous correspondent of last night and to whom I would also say it would show much more manliness on his part if when he had any criticism to make he did so over his own signature.

W. J. PENDRAY.

IMMIGRATION.

Sir:--In your issue of the 4th instant you printed a letter from R. E. Gosnell re immigration, which I have hoped to have seen commented upon, as I think it deserves consideration. Although Mr. Gosnell refers in particular to Westminster district, of which I know nothing, yet I think his remarks apply with equal force to Vancouver island, and I should like to supplement the letter in question by a few facts in my own experience, and to state some of the things I think necessary to insure the success of a settlement when opened. First, when a tract of land is decided upon to be opened up, a time should be set for the receiving of applications of persons willing to settle in that place; after which, under a surveyor, these applicants should be employed to thoroughly survey the land into, about 40-acre lots, not merely surveying into sections, as at present, so as to avoid the trouble involved by another man building upon another's land, which has several times happened. At the same time roads should be surveyed and slashed out, then the applicants should locate and the work done should be accounted as so much payment for the land. This would avoid a great many of the hardships to which the first settlers are now subject, and would give them something of an opportunity of making a home, whereas under the present system (or rather want of system) the first settlers usually get broke in pocket, health and heart before they have any show of making a home. In the settlement of which I am a pioneer there are about sixty quarter-sections taken up, but the greater number have changed hands twice or three times, and yet at the present time there is not more than one-fifth of that number there, although quite a number are only looking for a little work to enable them to get a little stock and a winter's provisions assured to induce them to return. But those who cannot in a reasonable time should be induced to give up the land, and a decided stand should be made against allowing the land to be held simply for speculation, as it undoubtedly is at the present time. Possibly the best means of meeting this would be by enforcing the wild land tax after the land had been unoccupied for a certain time. Then after the settlers are located the government might assist them, under proper safeguards, to put up necessary buildings and get some stock, either by the purchase of the stock, etc., or by loaning the money for that purpose, a part of which might be repaid by money earned from time to time in making the necessary roads, etc. This is one of the most pressing considerations for the settlements that are now in existance. I believe if settlers could be helped to some stock in my own settlement, which they could repay by work, we should soon be in a flourishing state.

Again, the settlers should be induced to take a greater interest in their united welfare by having a certain amount of control of their own affairs as a society, entitled to decide by a majority of the whole what and where the most necessary work is to be done, to appoint a person to keep public tools, and to know the cost of same, to hear all letters read in meeting from lands and works department relating to work in the settlement, and power to see that all settlers have an equal chance of earning an equal share of moneys spent in work on the government works instead of their being kept in the dark as at present, and and everything being arranged between road superintendent and land and works department.

Then again, where there are timber limits let to companies the said companies should be under some obligation to do somt work on those limits within a reasonable time, for where such timber leases are held year after year it prevents other companies entering the place who might buy some of the settlers' timber from their lands, and forces settlers who try to stick to the land to burn timber to get land to grow provisions, thus greatly increasing the danger of bush fires. I have seen burning pieces of moss fall after travelling for over two miles. A foregoing of the 50 cents per M royalty on timber cut would greatly help the settlement of which I am a member.

Hoping you will pardon the length of this letter.

SETTLER.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE?

Waited till the last days and still undecided, aren't you? It's one of the bugaboo tasks of the whole year to pick out the Christmas things, isn't it? Now we are quite sure that a glance round our store will help you—perhaps settle most of these little worries. We havt no end of pretty and useful things for "Him," for "Her," and for the "Little Ones." Here are a few suggestions:

Poets in Cloth and Morocco Bindings
Dainty Classics at 50 cents each
Oak Leaf Classics at 50 cents
Fountain and Stylographic Pens
Pearl Pen-ho ders
Prang's Art Pictures
Dressing Cases in Leather
Toilet Cases in Celluloid

Ladies' Purses, silver mounted
Photograph Albums
Collar and Cuff Boxes
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1001 Kinds of Games
Wonderful Value in Dolls
Duplicate Whist Sets
Etc., Etc., Etc.

Victoria Book and Stationery Co.

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AN ARBITRARY ACTION.

Suspension of the Land Act and Its Effect Upon Development Enterprise.

From the Kaslo Kootenaian.

"The recent order-in-council suspending the Land Act, for that is practically what it amounts to, will work great hardship," said a well known lumberman the other day, who has just returned from the Coast. "Take one instance I heard of down there for example. Last year a man took out a license to log on a certain parcel of land belonging to the government. Wishing to do so on an extensive scale, he made perparations accordingly, spending a considerable sum of money in building roads, log chutes, landings, and opening up the claim generally. All of his capital was invested with the expectation that his license would again be issued as has heretofore been the custom, but when his application was handed in it was blandly refused by the government and the gentleman found himself practically a bankrupt.

"The result is a shortage of logs, and the mill men who do not possess timber limits of their own are wondering where they can obtain stock enough to operate their mills on. Here in Kootenay it also operates to this disadvantage. On Arrow lake and the Columbia river it will force them to close down. On Kootenay lake by a generous provision of the Almighty, there is one resource open to them—they can contract for logs on the Kootenay river across the line in Idaho."

THE BOTTLE NECK MINISTER.

Business Man of the Administration Engaged in Smoothing the Atlantic.

From the Montreal Star.

When our symbol-loving postmaster-general again desires a pictoral illustration of the bond that unites Canada to the Mother Country—say, to print on a postage stamp—he might use a good portrait of Hon. R. R. Dobell, wearing an optimistic smile. If Mr. Dobell would tie a knot in the piece of red tape which would hang from his portfolio, if he had one, every time he crosses the seas and figuratively re-unites Great Britain and her greatest colony, he would soon get more knots in the said red tape than he is likely to secure in the speed of his ever-promised, ever-vanishing fleet of fast Atlantic steamers. It is a good thing, of course, for a steamship to vanish rapidly toward the horizon, especially if it is a member of a heavily subsidized "fast service;" but it is discouraging to the country to see the schemes for the establishment of this "fast service" vanish so utterly in spite of the frantic rushings to and fro of the marine minister—which is quite a different thing, by the way, from the minister of marine. Nor must it be understood that we call Mr. Dobell the marine minister, because people are apparently so free to tell him things which they would hesitate to confide in any one else. It is simply a reference to his remarkable addiction to sea voyages.

Even Mr. Dobell will probably admit, if caught some time well inland, that so far his "fast Atlantic service" has not lived up to the ambitious adjective which leads of so jauntily in its name. There has as yet been nothing "fast" about it, unless our friend is a sly humorist and meant to indicate that it was likely to "stick fast." There was, indeed, a suggestion of "fastness" about the affair when we heard talk of bottle-necked steamers as members of the fleet. But the authorities have been unable to draw either the corks or the money, and so we have escaped this reflection on the plebiscite splinter in the old Liberal platform.

Meantime this country is having to get along with the promised "fast service." It we had not been told that we have a "business administration" in office, we might have imagined that our lack would have been sooner supplied if the affair had been better looked after. But what can be more business-like than a business government unless it be a "business is business" government. Then all Mr. Dobell had to do is to produce his budget of Atlantic passenger lists in which his name has figured since the formation of the Laurier cabinet to prove to a perverse and scoffing generation that one minister, at least,—though he be without a portfolio—has done much to bring about the establishment of a "fast service." Whatever else may be the trouble, this man at all events has done his full share—trundling himself back and forth over the Atlantic highway, to make it smooth for the coming fleet.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

What Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to do for those who have impure and impoverished blood. It makes the blood rich and pure, and cures scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, catarrh, rheumatism, nervousness. If you are troubled with any ailment caused or promoted by impure blood, take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once.

Hood's Pills are prompt and efficient, easy to take, easy to operate.

Pain from indigesion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

SPENCER'S

The Last Day This Year for Buying Christmas Presents

We have marked off the New Goods just delivered and the late shopper is favored with an almost unbroken assortment of beautiful articles. The store never was so full of suitable gifts for men, women and children as now and cannot be equalled in many cities of more than twice the population.

Hints From the Glove Stock

Make a wager with a woman, lose it, and, nine times out of ten, she will select a pair of gloves. There never was a woman who had too many gloves. Prospective gift buyers will find food for thought in this. No glove stock in town better fitted to fit you or yours in gloves---and we are better prepared than ever before. Every fashionable shade in every size; best qualities procurable.

We cannot name the varied articles in stock; can only say that you can see the contents of half a dozen ordinary stores under our roof, and wares from London, Berlin, Vienna, New York and Oriental markets.

We have increased our sale force and are prepared for the biggest day's business in the store's history. We will deliver to-day all goods purchased up to 5 p.m.

D. Spencer, Government St.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Dressing Gowns, Smoking Jackets, Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk and Cashmere Mufflers, Gloves, Ties, Umbrellas, Fancy Suspenders. 20 Cases just to hand

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Before Buying
Celluloid Cases, Manicure sets Leather Cases, Roger & Gallet's Perfumes, Etc.
Hall & Co, Dispensing Chemists
Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas

THE LOCAL NEWS.

Go to Drill hall concert to-night. *

Drink Blue Ribbon Tea. *

Pool and bowling alley—the Adelphi. *

Carpenters' Tools at Cheapside. *

Majestic Ranges at Cheapside. *

Smoke Capstan—cool and comforting.*

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental. *

Hotel Victoria, Victoria, strictly first-class. Rates $2 upwards. *

Bowling for turkeys this week—Adelphi. *

Air-tight Heaters, own make, at Clarke & Pearson's. *

G. B. D. Pipes, silver-mounted, etc., at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.*

Sure To Please.—Christmas presents bought from Challoner & Mitchell. See the list in their front page advertisement to-day. *

Union Brewery Depot, 150 Government street, north of Hotel Victoria. G. B. Harrison, agent. *

Open Every Evening.—For the convenience of holiday shoppers Challoner & Mitchell are now open every evening until 10 o'clock. *

Beautiful Epergnes in Crystal, Ruby, Opalescent and other colors, making fine centre-pieces for the table. Weiler Bros. *

Good Taste—Goes a long way in selecting a Christmas present. Challoner & Mitchell offer the most desirable and seasonable novelties. *

Fine Damask Table Cloths, Napkins, Pillow Shams, Bureau Sets, etc., etc.—very useful gifts. Weiler Bros. *

Useful Gifts—English solid leather purses at Fox's. See our window, see our advertisement, and your trouble in choosing a gift will be ended. *

Matinee to-day at 2:30 at the A. O. U. W. hall—"Major Wellington de Boots." *

Not Costly But Good.—Christmas presents bought from Challoner & Mitchell combine quality and elegance, at prices to suit all. *

"The Hoop of Gold," a melodramatic play in four acts, at the A. O. U. W. hall to-night. Grand double bill and a full oleo of specialties. *

It will pay you to have a look in at Lange & Co.'s jewellery stock before buying your Xmas presents anywhere else. Diamonds, Watches, Silverware and other fine goods are being absolutely and literally slaughtered. Note the address—86 Douglas street. *

Open Every Evening.—For the convenience of holiday shoppers Challoner & Mitchell are now open every evening until 10 o'clock. *

Grand Turkey Raffle Christmas and New Year's Eve. Victoria Hotel Cafe, down stairs. *

As It Should Be.—Again yesterday there were but few offenders before the city police magistrate. One Indian drunk paid a fine of $5, and a second one went to gaol for thirty days in default of a similar fine. C. Kipling was fined $5 for leaving his horse unattended on Johnson street.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure; 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet. *

Immense Sale of Kid Gloves today $1.25 line reduced to 75c a pair; all sizes. The Sterling, 88 Yates Street.

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His Annual Gift.—The members of the city police force have received from Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken his annual present of a box of fragrant Havanas.

Water Works Contract.—The officials of the law courts were yesterday reminded that the case of Walkeley, King & Casey, the contractors for the Beaver lake water works v. the city, is still pending. The first move that has been made in this case for some time occurred yesterday afternoon, when the city engineer was examined before the registrar.

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Election Petition.—The appeal, which was to have been heard by the Full court to-day, against the judgment of Mr. Justice Martin refusing the motion of Mr. J. D. Prentice to strike out the petition against his election in East Lillooet, has been dropped. The trial will come on on January 4 before Mr. Justice Drake, and on the same day the trial of Martin v. Deane, the North Yale election case, will be tried by Mr. Justice Walkem.

Cowichan Nominations.—The nominations for the vacancy in the legislature caused by the resignation of Mr. W. R. Robertson, of Cowichan, take place to-day. The candidates so far in the field are Mr. W. R. Robertson, a prosperous farmer of the district, and Mr. C. B. Sword, of Dewdney, New Westminster district. The election will take place on December 28.

Not Costly But Good.—Christmas presents bought from Challoner & Mitchell combine quality and elegance, at prices to suit all. *

Farmers' Institutes.—At Colquitz hall, in the Lake District, Thursday evening a very interesting meeting of the Farmers' Institutes was held. Mr. G. T. Hopkins occupied the chair, and able addresses were given on poultry and fruit growing by Mr. Oldfield and Mr. Layritz respectively. These were listened to most attentively, and very hearty discussions followed each, thus showing the keen interest taken in these branches of farming.

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Thinks He Is Hypnotized.—A man about thirty years of age, who gave his name of John Hinds, was yesterday placed in the city lock-up by Chief Sheppard for safe keeping. He was examined by Dr. Fraser, the medical health officer, and other medical men yesterday and ordered to the asylum. Hinds' hallicunation is a peculiar one. He says he recently arrived from Skagway, where he was placed under hypnotic influence, from which he has been unable to recover. Nothing is known about the unfortunate young man beyond the fact that he was arrested once in October last for being drunk on the street, for which he was convicted and discharged. At that time he gave his name as Frederick Johnson. Whether he has been to Skagway since is not known. It may be that the recent exhibition and discussion of hypnotism are accountable for his hallucination.

No Decision Reached.—Dr. R. L. Fraser, medical health officer, has not decided what to do with the old colored man, James Stevens, who was refused admittance to the Jubilee hospital on the ground that he is a lunatic, but the probabilities are that he will have to be sent to the asylum, as there is no other place for him. The constitution of the hospital gives the resident medical officer no discretion, declaring that lunatics shall not be admitted, and Dr. Hasell says that Stevens is a lunatic. At present he is being treated at the city lock-up, where it is impossible to give him proper attention, and Dr. Fraser is reluctant about sending him to the asylum, as he cannot live long and is perfectly harmless.

Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitch, 50c. each. B. Williams & Co.

VICTORIA CONFECTIONERS
Are requested to visit OKELL & MORRIS' Show rooms before Purchasing........ XMAS CANDIES
The Largest and Best Assortment in B. C. All Home Manufacture.

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTY
Keep your money in the city.
Buy B.C. Hams and Bacon
They are delicious. Ask your Grocer for them.
EARSMAN, HARDIE & CO,
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Oh! What Can I Buy Him?

Nothing in the World More Suitable or Acceptable Than One of Those Up-To-Date

..Overcoats..

Beautifully Lined and Finished; Manufactured Especially for Xmas Trade. Call and See Them, or Have One Sent up on Approval.

Sam Reid, 122 Gov. St.

CHRISTMAS
..UMBRELLAS..
Late Arrivals. On View To-day. See Windows.
Nothing Could be Better for a Christmas Present.
THE WHITE HOUSE. HENRY YOUNG & CO.

FOR XMAS AND NEW YEAR
NEW STERLING SILVER
And Silver Mounted Goods
HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, GLOVE BOXES, CIGAR AND CIGARETTEE BOXES, STATIONERY CASES, CANDLESTICKS,
And an Immense Assortment of Articles for General Use, which we ask you to inspect before making your Christmas purchases.
C. E. REDFERN, 43 Governm't St.

...Xmas Suggests Gifts...
WE SUGGEST
Neckwear (made expressly for us in England), Gloves, Silk Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs, Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns, Silk Umbrellas, Fancy Vests, Etc.
Just Received
CHRISTY'S LONDON HATS
In the Latest Shapes and Colors. Watch our Windows.
W. and J. WILSON,
83 GOVERNMENT ST.

First Come, Best Served.—Now is the time to buy Christmas presents. Don't wait till the last moment. Challoner & Mitchell are open every day and evening to accommodate now. *

Double Christmas.—While the more fortunate children throughout the city are enjoying Christmas at home, the little ones at the Protestant Orphans' Home are not to be forgotten. This afternoon a committee from Peerless Lodge, I. O. O. F., will visit the home, taking with them a Christmas tree, on which will be placed presents for each and every one of the 66 inmates of the home. There will be books and toys, candies and fruit, and the many other little nick-nacks which go to make up a child's ideal Christmas. The committee in charge consists of Messrs. D. Lindsay, McCann, Siddall, Hanna and G. B. Richardson. Then on Thursday next the annual Christmas tree arranged by the ladies' committee will provide a second Christmas for the children. Donations for this tree may be sent to Messrs. Porter & Sons' stores for delivery.

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Borne to the Grave.—A large number of sympathizing friends yesterday attended the funeral of the late Mrs. T. G. Moody, who died on Wednesday. The casket was buried beneath a wealth of beautiful floral offerings, tokens of the respect in which the deceased lady was held. Services were conducted at the residence, Pandora street, by Rev. J. C. Speer, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, and the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. W. J. Pendray, John Jessop, Noah Shakespeare, Jonathan Bullen, E. J. Eyres and Ald. Kinsman. Mrs. Moody came to British Columbia in 1859 from Hartland, Maine, where she was born 56 years ago. Besides her husband she leaves four sons—Drs. Frank and H. P. Moody, and Messrs. T. G. and W. M. Moody.

First Come, Best Served.—Now is the time to buy Christmas presents. Don't wait till the last moment. Challoner & Mitchell are open every day and evening to accommodate now. *

"In Gayest Manhattan."—From all seen and heard of "Gayest Manhattan," which will receive its initial presentation at the Victoria theatre Monday night, nothing like it in the shape of extravaganza has ever been seen in this city. It was an original production at Koster & Bial's New York theatre, and ran the entire season. It was written at the time when New York abounded in light productions; in fact, the theatre going public at that time would tolerate nothing but the lightest works. It was a fad. In the midst of this competition, Koster & Bial entered, and announced that they would produce a work beyond all existing ones. "Gayest Manhattan" was the result. Shakespeare says: "Man plays in his time many parts." If there are any parts unplayed in "Gayest Manhattan," the management has been unable to discover them. It has society girls, and bicycle girls, and winter girls, concert hall celebrities and bogus theatrical managers, noblemen and peasants, and in the variety of scene necessary to engage such a diversity of characters the action of the play begins in Central park to the music on the Mall, is whirled over the ball room floor of the Waldorf, which is set as on the night of the Bradley-Martin entertainment, and then drifts down to the stage of Koster & Bial's music hall. The action throughout is fast and furious. The sale of seats opens this morning at 10 o'clock at the box office of the Victoria theatre. *

A very fine stock of handsomely upholstered Drawing Room, Boudoir and other Furniture, special for the season. Weiler Bros. *

Smoke Capstan—cool and comforting.*

Turkey Tombola—Drill hall to-night. *

We keep the best of liquors and cigars at Adelphi. *

Get your turkey for 10 cents at the Drill hall concert to-night. *

Open Every Evening.—For the convenience of holiday shoppers, Challoner & Mitchell are now open every evening until 10 o'clock. *

At the Barracks.—The Salvation Army will celebrate Christmas eve with a Christmas tree at the barracks this evening. There will also be special services, in which Sergeant-Major Keefe and Sergeant Norman, of New Westminster, will assist. An interesting time is looked for.

Story of the Strike.—The Industrial Banner, published by the Trades and Labor Council of London, Ont., has issued a special strike edition, telling the story of the recent railway strike in that city and the victory for the employees. The edition has been placed on sale all over Canada, the receipts to go to the strike fund. There is a movement on foot in this city to organize a branch of the Amalgamated Association of street railway employees.

Pearl of Pekin.—The amateur company who are rehearsing the opera of the "Pearl of Pekin" expect to perform in Victoria about the middle of February. They will have a full Chinese orchestra on the stage, and also a Chinese quartet. A notable feature will be the chop-stick dance by eight young ladies. The members of the company say that the opera will be a greater success than the Geisha.

VICTORIA AND VICINITY—A portfolio of six beautiful water-color photographs—the best Xmas card you can send your friends. Ask for it at the bookstores or this office. Price, 75 cents.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Saturday—Sunday—Monday.

December 24th, 25th and 26th.

Price 50 cents. From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

POODLE DOG MENU.

SOUP.

Oyster. Ox Tail. Cream of Celery
Puree of Crecy. Consomme.

FISH.

Boiled Salmon, Parsley Sauce.
Baked Sturgeon, Port Wine Sauce.
Fried Tom Cod, Tartar Sauce.
Baked Herring, Scotch Style.

SALAD.

Crab Mayonnaise. Lobster Mayonnaise.
Lettuce.

BOILED.

Ham, Champagne Sauce.
Ox Tongue, Lemon Sauce.

ENTREES.

Chicken Pie. Escalloped Oysters.
Rum Omelette.
Turkey Liver Brochette on Toast.
Grilled Chops, Julian Potatoes.
Maccaroni with Cheese. Apple Fritters,
Sherry Sauce.

ROASTS.

Young Turkey Stuffed with Chestnuts,
Cranberry Jelly.
Domestic Goose, Stuffed with Sausages.
Prime Christmas Roast Beef, Yorkshire
Pudding.
Sucking Pig, Apple Sauce.

VEGETABLES.

Boiled Onions in Cream. Mashed Turnips.
Cream Corn. Green Peas. String
Beans.
Boiled, Mashed and Baked Potatoes.

DESSERT.

Christmas Plum Pudding, Brandy and
Hard Sauce.
Mince, Cranberry, Pumpkin, Lemon and
Apple Pie.
Vanilla Ice Cream.
Orange and Wine Jelly.
Mixed Fruit, Marble, Pound and Jelly Cake,
Lady Fingers and Kisses, Nuts and
Raisins.
Cheese, etc., etc. Cafe Noir.

What makes life dreary is the want of motive.—George Eliot.

THE WESTSIDE

The quality of every article sold at the "Westside" is fully guaranteed and your money always cheerfully refunded if you are in any way dissatisfied with your purchase. When we say

We guarantee Perrins' Kid Gloves
We Mean It.

If your present is to be Gloves see that "Perrins' Bretagne" or Perrin's Olga is stamped on every pair.

For Sale Only at The Westside

FURS

Having had a remarkably successful season in this department we have decided to dispose of the balance of our high-class Fur Muffs, Collars, Sets, Etc., at
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES
If you wish to give a highly acceptable present you can do so at a very moderate price.

Hundreds of suitable presents for Christmas can be found in the Mantle Department on Second Floor, while on Ground Floor our stock of High-Class Dry Goods will be found complete in every respect.

..J. HUTCHESON & CO..

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING
UNTIL CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS

Novelties in wearables, for man or boy. They don't all want toys and etchings.

Jump at the size, whether suit or overcoat, hat or gloves, will make it right after Xmas.

Truly a silk handkerchief is ornamental, but just as certainly useful, 25 cents to 75 cents.

It takes a woman to think of man's wants, Silk Suspenders, 50 cents and 75 cents.

A Stiff hat is just the thing to send down the chimney, made of black felt, won't soil, $2 and $2.50

Sixty-cent glove money does the same duty here as 75c. elsewhere—higher priced Gloves too.

What we do for men we do for boys. Sell them good Hats, Clothes and Furnishings.

Cameron

The acknowledged cheapest cash clothier in Victoria, 55 Johnson street.

SCHOOL CLOSED AT METCHOSIN.

Interesting Exercises in Which the Scholars Prove to Have Benefited By Their Advantages.

Among the many pleasant events which have transpired at Metchosin recently the school examinations must certainly be ranked. On Friday, the 16th instant, a number of parents and friends of the district assembled at the school house to honor the closing exercises of the school, and listen to the recitations, etc. The teacher, Miss M. V. Robinson, carefully exercised and questioned the pupils in various subjects of school work, and the ready answers showed the thorough acquaintance of the pupils with the subjects taught. The expertness and cleverness of the senior class at the black board in the subject of arithmetic almost rivalled the work of teachers.

Another element of interest was the presentation of a special prize in Canadian history, given by Mrs. (Dr.) Watt, of the quarantine station, William Head. The prize consisted of two nice volumes. In the competition, which was very closely contested, the prize was carried off by Miss Annie Duke. Then to each pupil a nice book was given as a souvenir of the happy Christmas season, and after some very appropriate remarks by Rev. W. H. G. Ellison, the event closed with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

JUST ONE THOUGHT:::
We have prepared for your consideration a large lot of Scotch and English Woollens, which consist of all the latest shades. We will sell for the next thirty days at a discount of 10 per cent. FOR CASH ONLY off regular prices.
CREIGHTON & CO.
The Tailors, 18 Broad Street

Useful Holiday Presents

GOLD SPECTACLES GOLD EYEGLASSES	For father or mother. Glasses will be changed to suit, after the holidays, free of charge.
OPERA GLASSES	Selling them at cost. Pearl, $4.50 to $12; Black, $1.50 to $6.
BAROMETERS THERMOMETERS	Useful in every house. Barometers $3.50 to $13.50. Thermometers 25c. to $7.50.
EDISON PHONOGRAPHS GRAPHOPHONES	The entertainer of the entire household—$12.50 to $35.00. Come hear them.

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A CHINESE CHRISTMAS.

Methodist Mission Church on Fisguard Street the Scene of a Pleasing Entertainment.

A programme given in Chinese, Japanese and English is something rarely heard even in Victoria. It was, however, the attraction at a Christmas entertainment in the little Methodist church on Fisguard street last evening. The building was ornamented in Oriental fashion within, and looked very pretty. A large number of white people were among those present, while on the platform were Miss Churchill and a number of the ministers and 12 or more Chinese converts. During the evening addresses were given by the Chinese. The programme opened with a hymn, followed by a prayer by Rev. Mr. Swinnerton and the numbers appended: Address by the chairman, Rev. J. C. Speer; a chorus of song; address in Chinese by Mr. Hall; song, Miss Christine Riley; a part chorus; address in Chinese by Mr. Chan; solo in Japanese, Miss Morgan; address, Rev. Mr. Knox; song and chorus; solo, Rev. Mr. Barraclough; recitation; chorus; address by Mr. Chan Sin. The programme closed with the presentation of prizes and the singing of the doxology, after which refreshments were served. Miss Churchill presided at the organ. She is superintendent of the night school, and was the recipient during the evening of a pretty watch as a gift from her pupils. Helping her in the school work are two paid assistants and several volunteers. She has a very large school, which has a registered membership of 230 and an average attendance of 90. Towards the support of this mission $1,000 is paid annually out of the funds of the Methodist church.

Rev. Chan Sing Kai, who has charge of the work, and who is the son of a missionary living in China, was unfortunately absent from last evening's entertainment. A few weeks ago he was notified by letter of his mother's illness, and hastened home to see her, but before his arrival she had died.

LOOKING FOR THE LOST.

Will Bramwell Abraham Kindly Step Forward and End the Anxiety of His Relatives?

Chief of Police Sheppard is in receipt of the following letter from Absolom Abraham, of Solina, Ont., which tells its own story. A telegram from the missing Bramwell Abraham would be a welcome Christmas present for the folks at home:

The letter says: "I have a brother who left home over 23 years ago, and we have not heard a word from him personally for more than 15 years. We have heard that he is in Victoria, and have written to Victoria, but not knowing to what particular address to write, our letters have been returned.

"We have heard that he is running a livery in Victoria. It seems very strange that he never writes home if he is in the land of the living; but I suppose it is possible for a person to so long delay writing and be so absorbed in his own business as to be very careless and never think much or home.

"My mother and sister Diana died April 11, 1897, and May 15, 1897, respectively, and it seemed very sad to us. He stands about five feet seven inches; stout built; has both feet deformed, and is quite lame; his hair was black when he left home, but it is quite possible that it is turning grey now, as he is about 48 or 49 years old.

"I think from the description I have given you that if he is in Victoria that you can probably find him. Hoping that you will be a friend to me in this my need and try and find my long lost (to us) brother, I will ever be grateful to you."

HAVANAS FOR VICTORIA.

This City Figures Most Prominently in Direct Importations for Past Month.

The Canadian Cigar and Tobacco Journal for December contains a statement of the imports of cigars from Havana via New York for the period from November 15 to December 10, in which Victoria takes a very prominent place. The smokers of this city will, no doubt, note with satisfaction the proportionately heavy importations consigned for their use, and that only one city in Canada figures for a larger share. The statement is as follows:

	Cases.
Hudson's Bay Co., Victoria	25
E. A. Gerth, Montreal	17
J. Rattrey & Co., Montreal	13
Chas. Legro & Co., Peterboro	8
H. A. Nelson & Sons, Montreal	8
Hudson's Bay Co., Winnipeg	5
G. W. Muller, Toronto	5
Wilson Bros., Victoria	4
A. E. Morris, Montreal	3
Morris Michaels, Montreal	3
Nerlich & Co., Toronto	3
Scales & Wilson, Toronto	3
A. Harris, Winnipeg	2
Hiram Walker & Sons, Walkerville	2
German Consul, Montreal	1
Louis Schwarz, Hamilton	1
Order St. John, N. B.	1

PERSONAL.

City Detective George M. Perdue is much improved in health and writes to his chief that he expects to be able to resume duty about the first of the new year.

A. H. B. Macgowan of Vancouver is a guest at the Driard.

E. P. Davis, Q.C., came over from Vancouver last evening.

J. W. Mellor returned last evening from a visit to the mainland.

F. S. Findlay and wife came over from Vancouver last evening to spend Christmas with relatives.

Charles Doering and wife of Vancouver are in the city.

F. B. Pemberton returned last evening from the mainland.

Deputy Sheriff Siddal was a passenger by the Islander from Vancouver yesterday.

C. G. MacNeal has arrived from Argyll, Scotland, to visit his uncle, Major J. M. Mutter of Somenos.

W. P. Cregg has returned from Nanaimo and accepted a position in town.

E. A. Price, of Cowichan Lake, and N. J. Vennier, of Genoa, are guests at the Oriental.

S. M. Robins, superintendent of the new Vancouver Coal Company, Nanaimo, is at the Driard.

E. C. Erbsloh, the mining man of London, returned yesterday from a visit to the coal mining districts.

Mrs. David Spencer returned last night from a visit to Europe, very much improved in health by the trip.

Chas. E. Jones will leave in a few days on a visit to friends in Ontario.

H. C. Hayward, B.A., returned home from the Oregon State university last evening to spend Christmas with his parents.

A. H. Macneill of Rossland is a guest at the Driard.

J. Alexander and wife and W. Bazett and son of Duncans are guests at the Driard.

Miss A. Barrington, Vancouver, is registered at the Dalles.

Col. Pearce of Vancouver is in town and staying at the Dallas.

THE CITY

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the best, and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Cyrus H. Bowes.

In For Repairs.—The steamer Thistle has been laid up for general overhauling. She will be in the hands of mechanics for the next fifteen days.

Refused to Be a Wreck.—The steamer Garonne, which returned to Seattle on Friday from Honolulu, brought the news that the steamer Columbia, which sank at Hilo, had been raised and proceeded to Honolulu under her own steam. She is to be patched up by the underwriters and brought across the Pacific.

E. & N. Excursion.—The E. & N. railway is giving a Christmas excursion. Reduced rate tickets are being sold for all points on the line, and are good until Tuesday, being available at the local office to-day, to-morrow and Monday. The opportunity offorded, particularly to sportsmen, will doubtless be taken advantage of.

Helped Himself.—If the information that the police received is correct, William Kelly, who is now in the city lock-up, did not intend to allow the fact that he was broke prevent him from having turkey for his Christmas dinner. He was arrested last evening by Constable McDonald with a turkey in his possession, and all the evidence went to show that he had taken it from Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co.'s store without having first interviewed the clerk.

Hill's Benefit.—At the Delmonico Music hall last evening young Hill, the local lightweight, was tendered a benefit. In addition to the usual bright vaudeville show given at this house young Hill gave an exhibition of boxing, meeting alternately for six rounds his brother C. Hil and T. Quinn. Hill and Quinn left on the morning boat for Vancouver, where the former meets Welsh in a 15-round go for $150 a side, and Quinn boxes Scurry six rounds for $50.

Gussie La More.—Among the vaudeville stars at present holding the boards at the Delmonico Music hall is Gussie La More, who came out from Dawson with "Swiftwater Bill" Gates after his first trip to the Coast after making a fortune, and was about to be married to him, according to Dame Rumor, when he took a liking to Gussie's younger sister and married her instead. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are now in Seattle, Mrs. Gates having recently arrived there from San Francisco to join her husband. Simultaneous with Mrs. Gates' arrival in Seattle Gussie La More came to Victoria.

Trade is Brisk.—Christmas trade has been better than ever before in Victoria, say the merchants, and they certainly ought to know. It was bound to be better on account of the increased prosperity, but in addition to this the storekeepers have been favored with ideal weather and from early morning until late at night the main streets and stores have been crowded with shoppers. A more expensive class of goods have also been sold this year, all going to show that there is more money in circulation. The country trade also has been good, a great many residents of outside districts having spent the week in the city doing their Christmas shopping.

Skagway's Weather.—A volunteer observer has been keeping track of Lynn Canal weather, and submitting reports to the United States department of agriculture. During November the 18th was the coldest day, the temperature registering 5 degrees above zero. On that day the range was 22 degrees. On November 5 the temperature was highest, registering 51 degrees above, although at one time it was down to 31. The greatest range during the month was 22 change, and the lowest 6 degrees. It was clear and cold 13 days and on 12 days it rained. It snowed 13.5 inches on November 24 and 25. On the 17th sun dogs could be plainly seen. The precipitation was 2.56 inches for the month. There was only two days in the month when there was any excuse for calling the weather calm. For the remaining 28 days the wind came without cessation.

Boys' Scotch Tweed Suits, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25. B. Williams & Co.

Turkey Tombola.—A unique and special feature of the Fifth Regiment band concert in the Drill hall this evening, Christmas eve, will be a turkey tombola. Every lady patron of this concert will receive a numbered ticket, which will entitle her to a chance in the drawing. The drawing will take place during the concert. Holders of winning tickets must be in the hall when the drawing takes place, otherwise tickets will be drawn until someone in the audience presents a number corresponding with the ticket drawn. Following is the concert programme, which, as will be seen, is appropriate for the season:

Salutation, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" .... Mozart
Idyll, "First Heart Throbs" .... Ellenberg
Patrol, "British" .... Asche
Selection from "The Geisha" by request .... Jones
"The Heavens Are Telling," from "The Creation" .... Haydn
Concert Waltzes, "Breeze of Night" .... La Mothe
Drawing of Tombola Tickets ....
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Mrs. John Gallagher, Marbleton, P.Q., one of the many saved from death by Paine's Celery Compound, writes as follows:

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EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA.

Institutions of Technical Learning in New South Wales.

In none ofthe Australian colonies has the work of technical education been carried on more sucessfully or more efficiently than in New South Wales, although it cannot boast a richly endowed Workingmen's College like that in Melbourne. The Sydney Technical College, which forms the centre of the technical education system in New South Wales, is a large and commodious building situated in the heart of industrial Sydney, with numerous, well-furnished class-rooms, museum, and all the accessories of a properly equipped institution, resembling in many of its features the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris. The curriculum includes art, architecture, botany, phiseology, lithography, mathematics, geology, mechanical, electrical and sanitary engineering, chemistry, pharmacy, agriculture, veterinary science, sheep and wool training, bookkeeping, dress-cutting, cookery, etc. The most numerously attended classes are those devoted to art, mechanical and sanitary engineering, architecture, chemistry, geology, and sheep and wool training. The art classes are, in many respects, the complement of the science departments, the subjects taught being plane and solid geometry, model and object drawing, perspective, sciography, freehand drawing, casting, etc. The classes in mechanical engineering are highly interesting. After courses of mechanical drawing and applied mechanics, students can go and learn, practically, blacksmithing, pattern making, boiler-making, fitting and turning, or iron founding. The workshops for these classes are provided with every variety of appliance, and apprentices and workmen following any of the trades named have the advantage of seeing, not only how a certain result may be accomplished, but also of careful explanation by skilled instructors of the reasons why the work should be done in a particular way. In anticipation of the possible destiny of New South Wales as an iron-producing country, a class in iron founding has been established. When the furnace is in full blast, and some couple of score of energetic youths are carrying about molten metal and laying it in the clay beds fashioned to various designs, the sight attracts crowds of visitors. This department is under the supervision of a practical man, who not only directs the furnace operations, explains the degree of temperature required and the nature of the fluxes essential to the work, but also superintends the after operations in the production of the various designs into which the iron mass is solidified. In the chemistry section, practical chemistry in all its phases, metallurgy and assaying are thoroughly taught, the laboratory being provided with cyanide and chlorination plants, and youths who intend to follow scientific mining have the opportunity of acquainting themselves, under efficient instruction, with the latest developments in metallurgical research. The lecturer in charge of the departments of chemistry and geology is the Rev. J. Milne Curran, an enthusiast in his work, and the compiler of a very useful volume, entitled "Chemical Notes and Tables," which summarizes in handy and easily accessible form the leading text books in chemistry. He occupies a leading place among Australian geologists, and is a prolific writer on scientific matters. The other departments are conducted in a similar spirit of generous appreciation of results, apart from sordid considerations of profits. At a dozen places in and around Sydney science and art classes are in existence, where students may do the rudimentary work prior to joining the practical courses at the head establishment, all the details being associated with the parent institution and more or less supervised by the head staff. In the country there are also numerous technical colleges associated with the general scheme, the principal being at West Maitland, Newcastle, Bathurst, Goulburn, Broken Hill, Lithgow and Armidale. Among the items of the course at the Newcastle Technical College are such subjects as coal mining and mining engineering, mine surveying, metallurgy, mineralogy, boiler making, and steam and steam engine. All these subjects are essential to the commercial and industrial life of such a place as is Newcastle, and the large number of students, nearly 600, shows how well the effort to disseminate this knowledge is esteemed. Every year sees an increasing number, several thousand strong, passing through the art and science classes of New South Wales, and there is every reason for believing that, as regards technical instruction, and its practical application, the artisans of that colony will be found standing second to none, not even those of Germany, where science and industry have so long been happily wedded to each other.

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Specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the City Engineer.

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E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.
Victoria, December 21, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase, for townsite purposes, the following described parcel of land situate on Surprise Lake, Cassiar:—Commencing at a post on its north shore, about half a mile east from its outlet; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west along the shore of the Lake to point of commencement, 160 acres, more or less.

D. M. BROGAN.
JOHN GRANT.
October 20th, 1898. n8

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a certificate of a title to Lot Thirteen Hundred and Fifty-Four (1354), Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a duplicate of the certificate of title to the above lands issued to Patrick Ferrall on the 10th day of January, 1877, and numbered 1845a.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., 19th December, 1898. d22

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WHY HARCOURT QUIT

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No Leader of Opposition Ever Had More Difficult and Discouraging Task.

London, Dec. 15.—Following is Sir Willia Vernon Harcourt's letter to Mr. John Morley, and the latter's reply.

Malwood, Dec. 8.

My Dear John Morley:

I am informed that discussions are being raised, or proposed to be raised, in reference to the future leadership of the Liberal party. It seems to be supposed that this is a question upon which I ought to feel great personal interest and some anxiety. So far as it affects myself I feel no anxiety on the matter. My record is clear and my resolution is fixed to undertake no responsibility and occupy no position the duties of which it is made impossible for me to fulfil.

There are people who appear to consider that the office of a leader is one which offers such inducements as would inspire an ambition to be pursued by all means and at any sacrifice. You at least are not so unacquainted with the realities of public affairs as to suffer under such a delusion. The protracted labor, the constant anxiety and the heavy responsibility of that situation are such as no man of sense or honor will undergo except under a high sentiment of public duty.

For myself, the part I have played in public life has been governed by a very plain and simple sense of obligation. In the late years of Mr. Gladstone's political life, both in the government and opposition, he was good enough, with the concurrence of my colleagues, to commission me to render him a necessary, however inadequate, assistance, in order to lighten his labors in the burdensome work in the house of commons and elsewhere.

When the time so disastrous for the Liberal party arrived at which he took his final leave as its responsible chief, there were many considerations which would have led me to desire relief from the burdens of office. I determined not to yield to such temptations, for two principal reasons: First, because I did not choose it should be thought that I was governed by personal feeling; secondly, because, in face of a vast deficit caused by the necessary increase in naval expenditure for the national defense, I thought it my duty to remain at my post as chancellor of the exchequer in order to establish the public finances upon a just and adequate basis in the budget of 1894, which was then imminent.

The task was not a promising one in the face of the powerful opposition by which it was encountered. Nevertheless, I felt it would have been cowardly to shrink from the risks and the labor which it imposed, and I resolved, reluctantly, to continue to discharge as leader of the house of commons such duties as seemed to me most conducive to the interests of the Liberal party, which for thirty years of parliamentary life it has been my constant object to sustain.

At the meeting of the party called jointly by Lord Rosebery and myself on the retirement of Mr. Gladstone, we set forth at the foreign office our entire adherence to the principles and policy which he had bequeathed to us. The late government fought together through the sessions of 1894 and 1895, under circumstances of unexampled difficulty, with a narrow and precarious majority, the battle of Liberal principles, not, I am glad to remember, without some signal successes.

After the great defeat of 1895, in which you and I suffered in common, there were not wanting again strong temptations to any who desired only their own comfort and freedom from toil and responsibility to abandon a defeated army to its fate. That was not a course which recommended itself to you or to me. We rallied the broken ranks and took our places again in the van of the Liberal fight. Even with our attenuated line we inflicted upon the overwhelming majority of the government the remarkable defeat of the Education bill of 1895. Our successes were due to the loyalty and united action of the Liberal party in support of those who led their forces. It is only when such a spirit prevails that anything can be accomplished by a political party, whether in the days of its good or its bad.

The party, rent by sectional disputes and personal interests, is one which no man can consent to lead, either with credit to himself or advantage to the country. You and my other colleagues know well the desire I have ever felt and the efforts I have made to secure unity of action in the promotion of the common cause, to reconcile differences of opinion where they might arise, and to consult the sentiments and feelings of those with whom it was my duty and my satisfaction to act. In this spirit of cordial co-operation, which I gratefully acknowledge, we have ever since the dissolution carried on the work of the party.

It has been whispered, by men who neither know nor care to know the truth, that I have allowed personal considerations to influence public action. No man knows better than yourself the falsehood of these unworthy insinuations. If personal proscriptions have been insisted upon as ground for the refusal of common action in the general cause, they have not proceeded from me. In my opinion such pretensions are intolerable, and I, in common with my colleagues, have always refused to recognize them.

I am not, and shall not consent to be, a candidate for any contested position. I shall be no party to such degradation of the tone of public life in this country. I have been content, to the best of my ability, in any situation which fell to my lot, to do my duty to the party which it has been my pride and my pleasure to serve. If I have arrived at the conclusion that I can best discharge that duty in an independent position in the house of commons, you will, I feel sure, agree that a disputed leadership, beset by distracted sections and conflicting interests, is an impossible situation, and that release from vain and onerous obligations will come to me as a welcome relief.

I should be glad if you will make this letter known at once in such manner as you think fit, in order to remove any misapprehension as to my personal sentiments and position. Yours, very sincerely,

W. V. HARCOURT.

MR. MORLEY'S REPLY.

Dec. 10.

My Dear Harcourt:—I have read your letter with the concern naturally arising from the gravity of its contents. I cannot feel the smallest surprise that at last you have found it impossible to keep silent in a situation that may well have become intolerable to you. For many months past I have often wondered at your steadfast reserve and self-command under provocation of those unworthy insinuations to which you refer, and which, if you had ever thought it worth while, you could at any moment blown to atoms.

Apart from considerations of self-respect and personal honor in any individual case, nobody on either side of politics can think it good for the credit of public life in this country or for the character and repute of its public men that a situation should be prolonged in which the leadership of what has been, and will be again, a great and powerful party, should be treated in a way so demoralizing both to leaders and led. All who value traditions that have made English public life the healthiest in the world will be glad that you have determined, so far as you are concerned, that these proceedings shall now come to an end.

Nobody who has any real knowledge of the circumstances either does or can suppose that at a single point since Mr. Gladstone's retirement in 1894 you were actuated by any other motives than those of genuine public spirit and unselfish zeal for the interest of the party. If at that critical moment you had declined to go on as leader of the house of commons and chancellor of the exchequer none of us would have had any right to complain. It was lucky for the Liberal party that you did go on. If you had thrown up the exchequer as merely personal feeling might not unwarrantably have induced you to do, the country would have lost the most important contribution made to financial legislation for many a long year. The greatest of our legislative successes as a party and administration was your success.

As for events since 1895, the thing speaks for itself. Anybody who knows party history, and who also knows the condition of our party after the election three years and a half ago, will agree that no leader of the opposition—not Peel after 1832, nor Mr. Disraeli in 1848 and onward—ever undertook a more discouraging and difficult task than was laid upon you in 1895. The labor and strain of such a post in such circumstances can only be known to those who have lived at close quarters to it. And there is to my mind something odious—I can find no other word—in telling a man who has strenuously faced all this, who has stuck manfully to the ship instead of keeping snug in harbor because seas were rough and skies dark, that his position in his party is to be incessantly made matter for formal contest and personal challenge.

I remembered that when you surrendered the leadership of the house before the election of 1895, your last words in that capacity were something about its being the chief ambition of every man who has taken part in the noble conflicts of parliamentary life to stand well in the house of commons. We who sit there can see for ourselves how, leader of the minority as you are, you stand well with both sides of the present house, politically hostile as the majority in it may be.

I know well enough, as you say, that there have been whispers about your singling out this personage or that as men with whom you would not co-operate. I also know how baseless these stories are, how precisely the reverse of truth they are, how certain it is to anybody in accurate possession of the facts that it was not from you, at any rate, that attempts at proscription, as you call it, have proceeded. You and I have not always agreed in every point of tactics or of policy since you have been working leader of the Liberal party. For the government and apposition alike time have been difficult and perplexing, and diversity of view on sudden issues was not on either side of the house unnatural. But I am confident that every colleague we have who has shared our party counsels since the disaster of 1895 will join me in recognizing the patience, persistency and skill with which you have labored to reconcile such differences of opinion as arose, and to promote unity of action among us.

We are now to dismiss all this from our minds, for no other reason that I know than that you have not been able to work political miracles and to achieve party impossibilities. On the contrary, I for one feel bound to say how I entirely sympathize with the feelings that have drawn this letter from you. It has doubtless not been written without long and careful deliberation, and I believe that I shall be doing what you desire in making it public without unnecessary delay. Yours sincerely,

JOHN MORLEY.

"LOVE BIRDS" IN LONDON.

Robert Weston, a well dressed man, and Gladys Waller, who appeared to be a servant, were charged before Sir John Bridge with being drunk and disorderly. Weston was arrested for being drunk on Wednesday night and was liberated at 6 o'clock yesterday. At 8 o'clock he and the woman were seen in Covent Garden kissing one another, and as they resisted all attempts to get them to go away, at last both were locked up.

The woman—It was like this, your honor. I come up here yesterday from the Edgware Road, where I lives, to see some friends. I stops with them all night, and then as I was agoin' 'ome this morning I feels cold, so I sez, "I'll have a drop o' rum; it'll do me good." So I goes into a pub, and then who should come in but this gentleman. He treats a lot o' cabmen, and then he sez to me, he sez, "What'll you 'ave?" "Rum," sez I, and rum it was. Then I 'appened to say as I was an Irish girl. "Oh," sez he, "I do love Irish girls," and with that he starts kissing me. (Laughter.) An' o' course I kissed 'im back, an' then we 'ad some more rum and some more kisses. (Renewed laughter.) Then we went out and 'e puts 'is arms round my neck and kissed me, and I did the same to 'im, and then the p'leeceman came up, and 'e sez: "'Ere, you tow lovebirds, move on!" (Laughter.) Just like Harry Nicholls at the Adelphi. But the gentleman wouldn't move on, and when the policeman wanted to take 'im I kissed 'im and I said: "Where you go I go." And I went. (Laughter.)

The man said he remembered very little of what occurred.

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45—Spring Ridge.
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52—Government and Princess streets.
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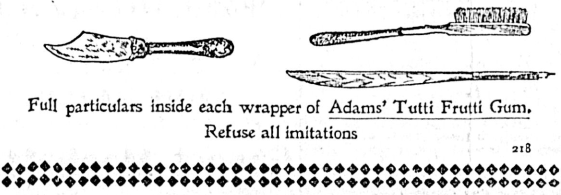

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M. POWERS.

Witness:—E. M. Johnson, Real Estate Agent, Victoria, B.C.

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FOR ALDERMEN.

The following persons are entitled to vote in any ward in which they may be registered as ratepayers, that is to say, any male or female being a British subject, and of the full age of twenty-one years, and

(a.) Who is the assessed owner of land or of improvements or the assessed occupier of lands situate within the municipality, or

(A1.) Who is the representative, duly authorized by the directors of an incorporated company which is the assessed owner of lands or of improvements of lands situate within the municipality, or

(b.) Who is a resident of and carries on business, and is the holder of a trades license in the municipality, the annual fee for which is not less than $5.00, and who has paid on or before the 1st day of November, 1898, the full license fee therefor, or

(c.) Who is a householder within the municipality. "A householder" is defined as a person who holds and occupies a messuage, dwelling, or tenement; or any part or portion of a messuage, dwelling or tenement, within the municipality, paying therefor a rental or rent value of not less than $60 per annum. Householders must have paid all municipal rates, taxes and license fees (exclusive of water rate or rent) on or before the 1st day of December, 1898, to entitle them to make the declaration as mentioned below, and in order to be included in the voters' list must, on or before the 1st day of December, 1898, enter their names with the assessor or clerk of the municipality as voters and make and personally deliver to the clerk or the assessor at the same time a statutory declaration as set out in sec. 6, sub-section (2) of the Municipal Elections Act. Forms of the said declaration may be obtained at the office of Mr. W. W. Northcott, assessor, City Hall.

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Victoria, B. C., 8th November, 1898.

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S. Y. WOOTTON,
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Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 8th December, 1898.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 23, 8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

Abnormally high pressure now covers the entire Pacific slope, the barometer at its centre in Idaho reaching 30.80 inches. The weather has been fair over the western portion of the continent, but is now becoming threatening along the Oregon coast, where the barometer is falling and the winds freshening considerably from the eastward. Mild weather prevails in Alberta, due to the influence of a high Chinook wind, while in Manitoba the temperature has fallen to zero.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	33	43
Kamloops	14	20
Barkerville	4	26
Calgary	4	36
Winnipeg	4	18
Portland	32	46
San Francisco	46	56

FORECASTS.

For twenty-four hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Saturday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Northeast and east winds, fresh to strong along the coast; mostly fair with frosts at night.

Lower Mainland—Partly fair and cold; local fogs.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Temperatures:

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	34	Mean	38
Noon	40	Highest	43
5 p.m.	38	Lowest	33

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	Calm.
Noon	5 miles north.
5 p.m.	4 miles northeast.

Average state of the weather—Cloudy.
Barometer at noon—Observed........30.542
Corrected........30.480

E. BAYNES-REED,
Provincial Forecast Official.

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A. W. Horde and sister.
J. W. Mellor.
Adjt. Ayer.
Miss Barrington.
Geo. Meade & wife.
E. P. Davies.
John Ross.
F. S. Findlay and wife.
Wm. Webster.
Chas. Doering and wife.
J. Stewart.
H. L. Lewis.
Mrs. Manson.
J. W. Sinclair.
Chas. Hanbury.
Misses Woley.
Miss O. Preston.
G. G. Bigger.
W. J. Riley & wife.
W. J. Vooresen.
J. Coghlan.
A. H. B. Macgowan.
A. J. Smith.
T. Turner.
Miss Hardie.
Dep.-Sher. Siddal.
W. J. Smith.
A. H. McNeill.
C. Chitlock.
F. A. Martin.
F. Phillips.
W. Henderson.
H. Coghlan.
S. W. Johnston.
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Chas. Tite.
C. J. Seule.
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Turkey Tombola—Drill hall to-night. *

PECULIAR AND PERTINENT.

There are nearly 3,000 stitches in a pair of hand-sewn boots.

The average number of horses killed in Spanish bull-fights every year exceeds 5,00, while from 1,000 to 1,200 bulls are sacrificed.

Chemists have extracted from coal tar 16 shades of blue, 16 of yellow, 12 of orange, 9 of violet, besides shades of other colors too numerous to mention.

Whales from 300 to 400 years old are sometimes met with. The age is ascertained by the size and number of layers of the whalebone, which increases yearly.

Free turkey tombola tickets for the ladies at Drill hall concert to-night. *

It is a vanity to persuade the world one hath much learning by getting a great library.—Fuller.

Get your turkey for 10 cents at the Drill hall concert to-night. *

We have just received a large consignment of Kid Gloves, and are offering to-day our $1.25 line at 75c. a pair; all sizes. The Sterling 88 Yates Street.

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Full weight given.
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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Special and Interesting Services Arranged by the Ministerial Association For Coming Week.

The following programme of services has been arranged by the Ministerial Association to be held during the "Week of Prayer"—next week. Public worship will be conducted in the Metropolitan Methodist church on four successive evenings, at 8 o'clock, as follows:

Tuesday, January 3.—Subject: "The Church Universal." Speakers: Revs. R. W. Trotter, B.A., and J. C. Forster; chairman, Thornton Fell.

Wednesday.—Subject: "Nations and Their Rulers." Speakers: Revs. W. L. Clay, B.A., and Dr. J. D. Wilson; chairman, William Marchant.

Thursday.—Subject: "Foreign Missions." Speakers: Revs. A. B. Winchester, B.A., and W. H. Barraclough, B.A.; chairman, Walter Morris.

In addition to the above, it has also been arranged for the convenience of the people of Victoria West, to hold two meetings in that part of the city, namely, on Tuesday evening in Victoria West Methodist church, when Revs. Dr. Campbell and D. MacRae will give addresses, and D. Fraser will preside; and on Thursday evening in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, where the speakers will be Revs. J. C. Speer and J. D. P. Knox, and the chairman, S. M. Okell.

The subjects appointed for the several evenings are those suggested by the Evangelical Alliance.

TEXADA'S TOWN.

Van Anda Townsite Lots Going Like Hot Cakes, and With Good Reason.

The plan of the Van Anda townsite is now on the market, and lots are being disposed of very freely at from $25 to $100 a lot. It is astonishing what a number of people now live on that flourishing island of Texada, and the amount of work that is going ahead is such as to show that the mining industry on the Island is developing very rapidly. Mr. A. S. Going, who is just back from the island says that the wharf at Van Anda townsite is now out 250 feet from the shore, and that this evening the steamer Comox will make the first landing there and will in future call three times a week. On the townsite the streets are being cleared and the place has a very lively appearance.

Speaking of the mines, Mr. Going reports that last week a body of ore six feet wide was struck in the 92-foot level on the Copper Queen, and additional men have been placed on the Copper Queen to open up two new ore bodies in the 60-foot level. The machinery for the new compressor plant for the mine has arrived at Vancouver, and is awaiting shipment; the shaft-house is well on to completion and is ready now for shingling, and the gallows frame for the hoist is being placed in position. Besides this a road is being graveled from the Copper Queen to the Cornell mine, a distance of three-quarters of a mile. Twelve men are employed, and the east drift is in 17 feet, and in carbonate ore; while on the west drift, which is in 32 feet, there is 20 feet of carbonate ore and 8 feet of sulphides, or 28 feet in all—a very remarkable showing.

SPORTS FOR TO-DAY.

Association Football Teams Have Engagements For This Afternoon.

With the exception of association football there is little on the cards to-day in the way of outdoor sport.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Victoria v. The Navy.

A game will be played between the above teams on Beacon hill this afternoon, commencing at 2:30 sharp. The Victoria team is as follows: Goal, F. Jones; backs, H. A. Goward and J. Baird; half-backs, J. Hart, J. W. Lorimer and W. McKeown; forwards, H. Shandley, J. Noot, J. Hall, W. Winsby and L. York.

Old Country v. The Colonies.

The return game between Association teams representing the Old Country and the Colonies will be played on Monday at Beacon hill, commencing at 2:30. The teams will be announced in to-morrow's paper.

Y.M.C.A. Juniors Practice.

All members of the Y.M.C.A. juniors are notified of the practice this afternoon at Beacon hill, commencing at 2 sharp.

R.M.A. v. Columbias.

The above teams will play at Work Point this afternoon at 2:30. All members of the Columbias are requested to catch the 2 o'clock car from Campbell's corner. The following will represent the city team: C. Marshall, A. Robertson, H. Nesbitt, H. Dier, A. Netherby, E. Siddall, R. Fell, J. Lawson, G. Wilson, H. Wilson, R. Dier.

THE HUNT.

No Meeting.

The meeting of the Victoria Hunt Club announced for this afternoon has been cancelled.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Inter-City Match.

At Nanaimo on Wednesday next the Vancouver and Nanaimo Rugby teams will meet in the schedule inter-city match. A great deal of interest is now taken in the Rugby matches and the result of Wednesday's game will be eagerly awaited.

MISSIONARIES TO MINERS.

Quite a Fund Growing in Toronto for Work in This Province.

At a meeting of the home mission committee of the Presbyterian church held in Toronto in October (the last meeting at which the late Rev. Dr. Cochrane presided as convener) an urgent appeal was presented upon behalf of the men actually engaged at work in the mines in several districts of British Columbia, whose spiritual interests were not attended to by any branch of the church. The committee resolved to undertake work at three of the mining centres, and a special appeal was made for contributions towards this work. In response to this appeal, there had been received by Rev. Dr. Warden up to a week ago a total of $1,107.80. The committee are at present on the outlook for suitable missionaries for this work, in the confident belief that sufficient funds will be obtained to carry it on efficiently.

Sweden is the most Protestant country, for out of a population of 4,774,409, only 810 are Roman Catholics.

Of about thirty recognized coaling stations in the Pacific, Great Britain owns at least twelve and the United States six.

A man cannot have an idea of perfection in another which he was never sensible of in himself.—Steele.

THE MIDNIGHT MASS

Bishop Christie Will Be the Celebrant and Will Also Preach the Sermon.

Choir to Be Assisted by a Full Orchestra The Order of the Services.

At St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral at midnight to-night pontificial high mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Christie, assisted by the priests of the diocese. Rev. Father Nicolaye will be the assistant priest; Rev. Father Verbeke, deacon; Rev. Father Phillips, of the congregation of the Sacred Heart, New York, sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Leterme, master of ceremonies. The sermon will be by the Bishop. The cathedral has been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and with the hundreds of candles and other lights will present a brilliant scene.

Particular pains have been taken this year in the arrangement of the choral portion of the services, the choir being assisted by a full orchestra under the direction of Mr. F. Victor Austin. The last of several rehearsals was held last evening in the cathedral, and the effect succeeded the hopes of the most sanguine. Admission to the cathedral will be by ticket, which can be obtained at the Bishop's Palace. The street railway company will run cars to all parts of the city and to Esquimalt at the conclusion of the mass.

Here is the order of the services:

1. Lied ohne Worte, No. 22....Mendelssohn
Organ and orchestra.
2. Adeste Fideles ("Come all ye faithful")
Soloists—Miss McNiffe and Mr. Olivier.
Chorus, Organ and Orchestra.
3. Bass Solo—"Nazareth" ....Gounod
Mr. H. Moxon.
Organ and full orchestral accompaniment.
Mozart's celebrated 12th Mass with organ and full orchestral accompaniment.
4. Kyrie ("Lord have mercy upon us") ..
5. (a) Gloria in Excelsis Dea ....
"Glory to God on high and peace to man of good will."..............
(b) Qui Tallis ("Thou who takest away the sins of the world")..........
Soloists—Miss E. Lombard, Mr. Lang and Mr. Grizzelle.
(c) Quonlam tu solus sanctus ("For Thou alone art holy")..............
(d) Cum Sancto Spiritu ("The Holy Ghost high in the glory of God the Father" ....
6. (a) Credo (Creed)..................
(b) Et in carnatus Est ("The word was made flesh" ....
Soloists—Soprano, Miss McNiffe; alto, Miss Stewart; tenor, Mr. Cave, bass, Mr. F. Sehl.
(c) Et Resurrexit ("And He arose again"
7. Offertory, "Ave Maria".F. Victor Austin
Miss E. Sehl.
With organ and orchestral accompaniment.
8. Sanctus ("Holy, holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth" ....
9. Benedictus ("Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord") ....
Soloist—Soprano, Miss Burns; alto, Miss Stewart; tenor, Mr. Cave; bass, Mr. Grizzelle.
10. (a) Agnus Del ("Lamb of God") ....
(b) Dona Nobis Pacem ("Grant us Thy Peace") ....
Soloist, Mrs. Janion.
11. Sermon by the Right Rev. Bishop Christie.
12. Adeste Fideles ....
Soloists—Miss K. Burns and Mr. F. Sehl.
13. "March of the Priests"..Mendelssohn
Organ and orchestra.
Organist—Mrs. C. A. Lombard.
Conductor—Mr. F. Victor Austin.
Choir Master—Mr. C. A. Lombard.

CHORUS.

Sopranos—Miss E. Sehl, Miss S. McNiffe, Miss K. Burns, Miss Bridges, Miss Ellis, Miss Kerge, Mesdames Williams, Wallis, McB. Smith, F. Sehl.

Altos—Misses Stewart, Lombard, D. Sehl, Gowan, Austin, Mesdames Geiger, Janion.

Tenors—Messrs. Lang, Cave, Hibben, Woodward, Greig.

Basses—Messrs. Olivier, Sehl, Grizzelle, Moxon, Geiger, Boynton, Monroe.

ORCHESTRA.

First Violins—Mr. T. R. Smith, Miss Brawn, Miss Cartmell, Mr. E. A. Powell, Mr. B. Bantley.

Second Violins—Major Trotter, Miss Lobb, Mr. C. E. B. Lombard, Master Rochon.

Violas—Mrs. Foot, Mr. Longfield, Mr. Rochon.

Violincellos—Mr. Rochon, Mr. Longfield, Mr. Woods.

Contra Bass—Mr. Hilt.

Flute—Mr. Morse.

Clarionettes—Mr. Rausch, Mr. Muriset.

Cornets—Miss Rochon, Mr. Duck.

A SIGNIFICENT PRECEDENT.

New Mexico Has Been a Territory Over Fifty Years.

It is contended by Senator Vest and many others of his school that the constitution confers upon the United States no power to acquire any territory except with a view to its becoming a state of the Union, or being cut up to form a number of states. However the idea that our country can have colonies in the usual sense of the word is repudiated.

As far as a state government is concerned, New Mexico affords a striking precedent as to the denial of this for half a century. We conquered this territory during the war with Mexico and it was ceded to us in accordance with the treaty of Guadaloupe Hidalgo in 1848. That was 50 years ago. The territory then known as New Mexico embraced part of Colorado, all of Arizona and a small part of Nevada, or at least it did after the "Gadsden purchase," made in 1853, was annexed to it by the act of August 4, 1854. New Mexico was organized as a territory by act of September 9, 1850, more than 48 years ago. It was long the most populous territory in the United States. In 1850, when it was organized, it had 61,547 inhabitants. In 1860, the territory being yet undivided, and in fact enlarged by the Gadsden purchase, the population was 93,516. In 1861 a considerable part of the territory was annexed to Colorado. Arizona was set off by act of February 24, 1863, and in 1866 a corner of Arizona was given to Nevada. In spite of these losses the population in 1870 was 91,874, but little less than in 1860. Nevada and Colorado became states long ago. The former had in 1890 only 45,761 inhabitants, while New Mexico had 153,593. In the same year Wyoming had 60,705 and Idaho 84,385. Both these were admitted as states, but New Mexico, with more inhabitants than both of them, is still a territory.

It is worth while to note some of the reasons given for keeping New Mexico so long in a territorial condition. One is that many of the people speak the Spanish language and are ignorant of English. Another is that they have not made the progress desirable in an educational way. Now, precisely the same thing may be said of the islands which we are about to acquire. In some of them the Spanish language is spoken, and in all of them Egnlish is as yet, almost altogether unknown. The inhabitants are very backward in education. The same reason will exist for many years to come why no states should be made out of these islands that have been assigned in the case of New Mexico.

Now, if we can govern New Mexico for 50 years without granting statehood on account of its language and ignorance of its population, is not the precedent good for our new possessions?

Sir Salter Pyne, who is now in London, has been entrusted with an important mission by the Indian government. When he arrived at Peshawur, on his way to England, he was asked to be the bearer of a copy of the text of the agreement made with the Afridis, and to convey it to the Ameer on his return to Cabul. This agreement is couched in the Pishtu dialect, and Sir Salter has been asked to explain its terms to the Ameer. [illegible]

SEALERS TO AMALGAMATE.

Resolution Passed at a Recent Meeting to Form a Joint Stock Company.

The sealers yesterday gave out for publication the resolution passed at the meeting on Thursday, which had been withheld from the public pending the receipt of telegrams from absentee owners as to whether it met with their views. The resolution follows:

"That the sealing business be formed into a joint stock limited liability company with a capital of $650,000, to be known as the British Columbia Sealing Company, Limited Liability, and that the necessary documents of incorporation be prepared and submitted for ratification."

There were about 35 sealers present, representing most of the owners, and the above resolution was unanimously adopted. It is, of course, subject to the finding of the international commission now in session at Washington, for should it be decided that the United States should purchase all the schooners, there will be no private owners left to form a company.

This is not the first time that an effort has been made to amalgamate the sealing interests. Former efforts, however, failed for the want of unity among the owners. This difficulty, it is said, has now been overcome, and a large majority of the sealers now feel that if sealing is continued, their interests can be best conserved by the formation of a company of the kind proposed.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday at the board of trade rooms.

MARINE NOTES.

Tug Lorne returned from Tacoma yesterday, having taken the ship Walter H. Wilson down from here. On her return, orders were given her to tow the bark Alexander McNeill to sea from Esquimalt, and afterwards to take another loaded vessel, the Hecla, out from Vancouver. The McNeill is loaded with props from Vesuvius Bay for Santa Rosalia.

Steamer Quadra went out of commission on Thursday evening. During her idle spell she will be put in dock and given her usual overhauling.

Steamer Rosalie left Seattle en route North last evening. She will call at Tacoma and will be here this evening.

Although not sailing for Alaskan points until the 28th instant, 27 passengers and almost a full load of freight have been booked for the steamer Amur.

The British ship Drumbanrig left Liverpool with general cargo for Victoria and Vancouver merchants on the 5th instant.

The steamer Aorangi is due from Australia, Honolulu and Suva on Thursday.

The British ship King Edward left Yokohama for the Royal Roads on Sunday last.

The steamer George E. Starr came over from the Sound in the City of Seattle's stead last evening, and will make two or three trips prior to the City of Kingston being placed on the run. It was about 10 o'clock when the Starr arrived last night.

The Dominion government will place a steam launch on Lake Bennett in the spring for patrol duty. It has already arrived from the East in charge of Mr. J. L. A. Blanchet, a marine engineer.

ENTERED.

Str. Islander from Vancouver.
Str. City of Seattle from Port Townsend.
Str. Erie from Vancouver.
Str. Lorne from Tacoma.
Schr. Lulu from Elgin.

CLEARED.

Str. Islander for Vancouver.
Str. City of Seattle for Port Townsend.
Str. Erie for Vancouver.
Str. Lorne for sea.
Schr. Lulu for Elgin.

PLAIN TALK TO MILITIA.

Organ of British Regular Force Offers Some Very Candid Criticism.

The Broad Arrow says: "The state of the Canadian militia generally seems to be the most unsatisfactory. While the General Orders lay down that 'ceremonial movements do not constitute an inspection, nor are they even a necessary part of it,' it appears that the practice hitherto has been to carry out inspections in the good old cut-and-dried way of the sixties in England—general salute, march past, senior major bayonet exercise, junior major manual and firing exercise sort of business. After this, butter ad lib, served out to all, a champagne lunch and good-bye. As a result each regiment considers itself the best in Canada, or perhaps in the world; whilst a six months German or Austrian conscript, or any twelve-month Tommy knows more about the attack, fire discipline outpost duty and fire-control than does the whole Dominion force. The best officers are sent out as generals from home, but in a force where discipline is loose and all imagine themselves to be so perfect as to render criticism an insult, a good honest general has to contend with difficulties of an alarming nature. Let us tell the Dominion militia candidly that they are living in a fool's paradise, and that, however smart and well set up, back polished or pipeclayed they may look, they can be, so long as they are ignorant of outpost duty and fire discipline and control, no more than a hollow show. Sed fugit, interea fugit, irreparabile tempus! Things march apace in military matters, and it will not do to practice the mere mechanical perfection of the parade-ground only, though this is the most excellent and necessary as a means to a greater end. Moreover, let the Canadians remember that the honest criticism of a good general is far better than mere soft sawder and universal praise. Our own volunteers have passed through the mill which is now grinding for Canada. So long as they were always patted on the back they remained an undisciplined though cheerful and willing mob. When they submitted to the crucial tests applied to the regulars, they vastly improved, and are now a most valuable body of partly trained infantry."

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ROSSLAND'S POPULATION.

Total of Eight Thousand Claimed, of Whom Miners Number Fifteen Hundred.

From the Rossland Record.

So far there has been no census taken of Rossland. There is no good way of making an estimate upon the lines laid down in Eastern cities by the number of school children. There are more men and less school children than in old settled places. There are nearly 1,200 voters and 500 school children enrolled. The estimate of five inhabitants to each voter would bring it below the estimate given, but there as a great number of aliens here who are not entitled to vote, probably as many as are voters.

As a rule people do not come here to educate their children, therefore the proportion going to school is not so great as in other cities. Then again, many children are being sent to school elsewhere. With a thorough knowledge of the town since February, 1895, and a careful estimate of the different classes the Record figures the population at 8,000, divided as follows:

Miners	1,500
Prospectors	500
Women	1,625
Children	1,500
Floating population	1,000
Business men	250
Clerks	150
Mining men and superintendents	250
Teamsters	125
Carpenters and masons	150
Waiters	150
Professional men	150
Brokers and promoters	100
Bartenders	75
Chinamen	150
Sporting men	250
Teachers and preachers	35
Total	8,000

The word Sirdar, which has been so frequently seen since the exploits of Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, is, according to the Paris Figaro, a contraction of the Aribic words "Sayer er Dar." Sayer means inspector or watcher; Dar means palace; Sayer ed Dar would therefore mean "inspector of the palace."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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